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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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kingdom come. Thy will be done in  
earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this  
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debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
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power, and the glory, For ever.  
AMEN.

*or*

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## PREFACE

**I**N accordance with an instruction of the General Assembly in 1936, the Committee on Public Worship and Aids to Devotion has prepared this Book of Common Order for the guidance of ministers in the worship of the reunited Church of Scotland. It attempts to combine the best features of the two books already authorized by the Church: *Prayers for Divine Service*, 1923 and 1929, and the *Book of Common Order 1928*, and includes much of the material contained in them. Since the *Ordinal and Service Book for use in Courts of the Church* has supplied the material needed for conducting Presbyterian Services, the scope of the present Book has been limited to such services as the individual minister may be called upon to undertake in the ordinary course of his parochial duties.

The General Assembly by authorizing these books have recognized that the provision of such forms implies no desire to supersede free prayer. Liberty in the conduct of worship is a possession which the Church of Scotland will not surrender. But a service book is necessary 'to express the mind of the Church with regard to its offices of worship, in orders and forms which, while not fettering individual judgement in particulars, will set the norm for the orderly and reverent conduct of the various public services in which ministers have to lead their people' (*B.C.O. 1928*). In accordance with this general principle the Morning and Evening services have been so framed as to include all the elements that belong to a full act of public worship and to set them in that ordered sequence, which alone makes possible the full participation of the worshippers. Within this framework various types of prayer have been introduced with the purpose of illustrating how constant variety and freshness may be

imparted to the Sunday services. Some distinctiveness being desirable in the second service of the day, an attempt has been made to give a more personal and intimate note to the Evening service.

Four Orders are provided for Holy Communion. The first of them 'contains in due succession all the great elements which in every age have been found most helpful to the spirit as it is conducted step by step to the Church's supreme act of worship'. This Order, although somewhat fuller, closely approximates in language and arrangement to the service in the *Ordinal for use in Courts of the Church* which is now in use at the General Assembly's Communion Service. An alternative Order has been prepared for Congregations in which the more rigid traditional forms may be felt to be unsuitable; a shorter Order which is recommended for use at a second service; and a short Order for such occasions as demand brevity, as, for example, in administering Communion to the sick. Guidance is also included for the conduct of a second Table service.

In addition to supplying forms for the other ordinances of the Church, the Committee has considerably increased the material available for use at the different seasons of the Christian Year, and has added a great variety of prayers relating to the work of the Church at home and abroad, as well as many collects for special graces. It is hoped that every minister will thus have at hand an abundant variety of material with which, at his own discretion, he may enrich the services without altering their general structure.

In preparing this book, the Committee has been careful to keep in mind the doctrinal basis of the Church as stated in the First Article of her Constitution. The Church of Scotland is 'part of the Holy Catholic or Universal Church'. As such it has the same roots as

those from which has sprung the life of every Christian Communion, ancient or modern, throughout the world; it therefore claims the right to avail itself freely of the precious heritage of devotional literature which, either because of its faithfulness to Christian experience or through the beauty of its diction, has proved its fitness to survive. Further, the Church of Scotland, adhering to the Scottish Reformation and receiving 'the Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as its supreme rule of faith and life', bases all its worship on Holy Scripture. Without reservation of any kind it may be asserted that everything contained in this Book receives its warrant from that source.

The Committee sends forth this volume with the humble prayer that by the blessing of God it may afford our ministers the guidance in the conduct of worship which they have a right to expect, and may foster the spirit of devotion in the hearts of our Scottish people.

In name of the Committee,  
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# I. PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP



## VESTRY PRAYERS

### *Before Divine Service*

**O** LORD my God, without whom I can do nothing as I ought; go with me, I beseech Thee, into Thy House, and so guide me by Thy Holy Spirit that I may devoutly lead the worship of Thy people, worthily proclaim Thy Gospel, and shew forth Thy truth and grace to all who wait upon Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** LORD, go Thou with us into Thy holy place, and let Thy Spirit guide our worship. May souls be turned to Thee, here and everywhere, through the reading and preaching of Thy Word. Keep us from presumptuous sins, from the fear of men and surrender to evil. And be Thou evermore our guide, our light, our comfort; for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

**O** GOD Most High, who hast called me to minister to Thy people in holy things; give me such grace this day that wisely and charitably, prudently and acceptably, I may proclaim Thy Word, and so give guidance to the blind, comfort to the sad and weary, strength to the weak, and confirmation to the strong; and that by all my words and actions I may minister to the spiritual welfare of those who wait upon Thee, and shew forth the honour of my Lord; for His name's sake. AMEN.

**O** LORD God Almighty, who didst endue Thine Apostles with singular gifts of the Holy Spirit, so that they proclaimed Thy Word with power; grant unto me, who am set to minister and teach in Thy holy name, the same Spirit of wisdom and love and power; that the truth Thou givest me to declare may search the conscience, convince the mind, and win the heart of those who hear it, and the glory of Thy kingdom be advanced; through Jesus Christ my Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, grant that I may help the worship of Thy people by my sincerity; for the sake of Jesus Christ my Lord. AMEN.

*After Divine Service*

**M**ERCIFUL Lord, who by thy grace art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think; confirm and make effectual by Thy power what has been wrought this day by my ministrations in the name and faith of Thine ever-blessed Son; that Thy Word may not return to Thee void, but may quicken all in love to Thee and in devotion to Thy cause, and bring forth fruit to Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Before Holy Communion*

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of mercies, who hast called us this day to the Communion of Thy blessed Son, our Lord; make Thy grace sufficient for me, I humbly beseech Thee, that I may acceptably celebrate Thy most high worship, and without

condemnation have part in ministering before Thee; and grant such faith unto all Thy people, that in the holy Sacrament they may behold Thy love which passeth knowledge, and be made partakers of Thy heavenly grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*After Holy Communion*

**H**OLY Father, I thank Thee for Thine unspeakable love, revealed anew at the Table of the Lord. Give to me and to all Thy people grace to abide in fellowship with Thee; and fence round my heart with Thy love and purity, that no selfishness or guile or sloth may stain the ministry committed to my trust, but that in singleness of heart I may serve thee to the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

PRAYERS WITH THE CHOIR

**O**LORD, open Thou our lips;  
R. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

**O**GOD, who hast given us minds to know Thee, hearts to love Thee, and voices to shew forth Thy praise; give us grace, we beseech Thee, to dedicate ourselves freely to Thy service, that we may reverently fulfil the worship of Thy sanctuary, and beautify the praises of Thy House; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**P**RAISE ye the Lord;  
*R.* The Lord's name be praised.

**O** LORD our God, who art worthy to be praised and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Thee; grant unto us, as we lead the worship of Thy House, the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, that being cleansed and sanctified we may serve Thee with gladness and find our joy in singing to Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**S**ERVE the Lord with gladness;  
*R.* Come before His presence with singing.

**O** GOD, whose glory the countless hosts of heaven do ceaselessly proclaim; graciously aid us, we beseech Thee, as we seek worthily to fulfil our ministry and service in Thy House, that in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs we may sing and make melody unto Thee with our whole heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** MAGNIFY the Lord with me;  
*R.* And let us exalt His name together.

**A**lmighty God, who dwellest with the humble and contrite, and seekest such to worship Thee; cleanse us now from all sin and keep us undefiled, that the songs we sing in Thy House may arise unto Thee from hearts that are holy and lips that are pure; and that all our worship, begun in Thee, may in Thee be ended, to the honour and glory of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**P**RAISE ye the Lord: praise God in the sanctuary;  
*R.* We will be glad and rejoice in Thee.

**H**OLY Father, who callest us to serve Thee in the worship of Thy House; grant us so to praise Thee with our hearts as with our voices, that the souls of all assembled with us may be uplifted, purified and strengthened, and that they and we together may be confirmed in faith and love to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.





## II. THE ORDER OF PUBLIC WORSHIP



## FIRST MORNING SERVICE

*The Congregation being assembled, the Minister shall solemnly call them to worship, saying:*

Let us worship God.

*A Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn shall thereupon be sung.*

*Then shall be said a Call to Prayer in words of Holy Scripture, the people still standing; after which shall be offered Prayers of Adoration, Confession, and Supplication.*

**O**UR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Let us pray.

**G**LORY be to Thee, O Father everlasting, who didst send Thine only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Glory be to Thee, O Holy Spirit of God, who dost quicken us together with Christ, and dost shed abroad His love in our hearts. Blessed be Thou, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God; and blessed be Thy glorious name for ever. AMEN.

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*The words in italics apply to each of the following services. It is recommended that the Congregation should join in repeating the Lord's Prayer, and in saying Amen at the end of each of the prayers.*

**M**ost holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess in Thy presence the sinfulness of our nature, and our shortcomings and offences against Thee. Thou alone knowest how often we have sinned, in wandering from Thy ways, in wasting Thy gifts, in forgetting Thy love. Have mercy, O Lord, upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Forgive our sins, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Saviour; teach us to understand our errors; cleanse us from secret faults. And, O most holy and loving Father, send Thy purifying grace into our hearts, that we may henceforth live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways.

Almighty God, who freely pardonest all who repent and turn to Thee; fulfil now in every contrite heart Thy promise of redeeming grace, absolving us from all our sins, and delivering us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**Lmighty God, who hast redeemed us to Thyself with the precious blood of Thy dear Son; grant that His love may constrain us to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again. Teach us to commit ourselves to Thy fatherly care, and to look in faith to Thee, that Thy Spirit may guide and rule our hearts. Uphold and strengthen us in every duty; defend us in every danger; enable us to overcome in all temptation; make us brave and patient under every trial. Keep us evermore in the peace and joy of a holy life, that we may love and serve Thee always; and grant that, having confessed Thee upon earth, we may come at the last to Thine eternal joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, and is worshipped and glorified, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, world without end. AMEN.

*Then shall be sung a Psalm, Paraphrase, Hymn, or Canticle.*

*Then a Lesson from the Old Testament shall be read; after which a Psalm, or Psalms, from the prose version of the Psalter shall be sung or read, ending with the Gloria; or a metrical Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn shall be sung. Then a Lesson, or Lessons, from the New Testament shall be read, of which one shall be taken from the Gospels.*

*Before each Lesson the words shall be used:*

Hear the Word of God, as it is written in . . . . .  
the . . . . . chapter, at the . . . . . verse.

*And at the end of each Lesson this shall be said:*

The Lord bless to us the reading of His holy Word, and to His name be glory and praise.

*After the New Testament Lesson, the Apostles' Creed may be said by the Minister and People together, all standing:*

I BELIEVE ...

*Then shall be offered Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession, followed by the Lord's Prayer, in which the People shall join.*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God; we give thanks unto thee, the Lord of heaven and earth, and the Giver of all good. We bless Thee for the manifold gifts of Thy love, for all temporal mercies which Thou dost bestow from day to day, for the

defence of Thy watchful providence, and for Thy faithfulness which never fails. But most of all we thank Thee for Thine unspeakable gift in Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Saviour. We praise Thee for His holy incarnation, His perfect life on earth, His precious sufferings and death, His glorious resurrection and ascension, and His continued intercession and rule at Thy right hand. We thank Thee for the sending of Thy Holy Spirit, for His work of grace in Thy Church and in our hearts, and for the promise of eternal life.

Fill us with love to Thee, who hast so loved us, and enable us to yield ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY God, most merciful Father, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications for all men; we pray for Thy holy Catholic Church that it may continually increase in godliness, and be plenteously enriched with spiritual benefits. We pray that the ministers of Thy Word may be found faithful, both in life and doctrine, and, setting before their eyes only Thy glory, may feed the Church, which Thou hast purchased with the blood of Thy dear Son. We pray for those who know Thee not, that they may be brought from the captivity of blindness and error to the understanding of Thy heavenly truth; and for those who have wandered and gone astray, that they may be gathered and brought home to Thy fold.

Almighty God, in whose hand are the hearts of princes; we beseech Thee to direct and govern all

kings, rulers, and magistrates, and all to whom Thou hast committed authority. Bless Thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the members of the Royal Family. Maintain and increase the noble estate of the Queen's Majesty, her Royal House, her ministers and counsellors, and the whole body of the Commonwealth. Let Thy fatherly favour so preserve them, and Thy Holy Spirit so govern their hearts, that religion may be purely maintained and manners reformed, according to Thy Word; and grant that, serving Thee in holiness and virtue, we may be kept in peace and tranquillity, and render thanks unto Thee all the days of our life.

O Lord our God, we pray that Thy holy name may be advanced and magnified throughout the world, and Thou, O Lord, be counted King and Governor over all. Subdue the peoples through the might of Thy truth and righteousness, that they may dwell together in peace, and the full and perfect face of Thy kingdom appear.

Most merciful Father, we humbly beseech thee for all who suffer persecution for the sake of the Gospel, that the comfort of Thy Holy Spirit may never depart from them; so that by their witness the kingdom of Thy Son may increase and shine throughout all the world, to the glory of Thy holy name.

And forasmuch as we are members of the mystical Body of Christ, we pray for those who are afflicted with any kind of cross or tribulation, whether it be suffering of body, unquietness of mind, or sorrow of heart; that it may please Thee to give them patience and constancy, till Thou send



them full deliverance out of all their troubles; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**Lmighty God, we yield unto Thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all Thy saints, who have been the chosen vessels of Thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations; most humbly beseeching Thee that we may have grace to follow the example of their steadfastness in faith and in obedience to Thy holy commandments; that at the last we, with them, may inherit the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*Then a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn shall be sung, before or after which the Banns of Marriage may be proclaimed, and Intimations made.*

*Before the Sermon a Prayer for Illumination may be offered.*

Let us pray.

**O**LORD and Lover of men; cause the pure light of Thy divine knowledge to shine forth in our hearts, and open the eyes of our understanding, that we may comprehend the precepts of Thy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*The Sermon shall be preached, after which shall be said an Ascription of Praise.*

*Then the Offerings shall be received, and a Prayer of Dedication offered.*

*[When the Offerings have been collected at the entering in of the People, they shall now be presented and dedicated.]*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, from whom cometh down every good gift and every perfect gift; accept, we beseech Thee, the offerings which Thy people here present to Thee with willing and thankful hearts; and grant us so to consecrate ourselves to Thy service here, that we may glorify Thee here- after in Thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O**LORD Jesus Christ, who didst say unto Thine apostles, Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you; regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will; who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest for ever and ever. AMEN.

*A Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn shall be sung; and then shall the Minister dismiss the People with the Benediction.*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

*Or,*

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

## SECOND MORNING SERVICE

### I

**T**HE Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Let us pray.

#### *Adoration*

**A**LMIGHTY God, most blessed and most holy, before the brightness of whose presence the angels veil their faces; with lowly reverence and adoring love we acknowledge Thine infinite glory, and worship Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity. Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power be unto our God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

#### *Confession*

**M**ERCIFUL God, we humble ourselves in Thy presence, confessing our unworthiness and sinfulness in Thy sight. We have broken Thy holy law. We have not sought first Thy kingdom and righteousness. We have been anxious and troubled about many things, and have neglected the things that belong to our peace. We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves, or done to others as we would that they should do to us.

Most gracious God, our heavenly Father, who hast given Thy Son, Jesus Christ, to save Thy people from their sins; forgive us, we beseech Thee; cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew a right spirit within us; through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. AMEN.

*Supplication*

O Lord, who hast called us to be holy as Thou art holy; grant us power to walk worthy of our high calling in Jesus Christ. Strengthen us against temptation. Teach us to do Thy will. Cause us to abound more and more in faith and love, in holy desires, in kind and brotherly affections, in pure and peaceable dispositions, and in patient and humble service; that the name of the Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in us. O God of peace, sanctify us wholly, until we stand perfect and complete in all Thy will. And unto Thee, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be glory and praise, world without end. AMEN.

## II

Let us pray.

*Thanksgiving*

**A**Lmighty God, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to Thee, and for all Thy loving kindness we bless Thy holy name.

For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy that have followed us all the days of our life,

*We praise Thee, O God.*

For the wonder and beauty of the world; and for all things true and honest, just and pure, lovely and of good report,

*We praise Thee, O God.*

For the gift of Jesus Christ, Thine only-begotten Son; for the grace and truth which came by Him, and for His obedience unto death, even the death of the Cross,

*We praise Thee, O God.*

For His glorious resurrection, and ascension to thy right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion,

*We praise Thee, O God.*

For the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Lord and giver of life; for Thy holy Church throughout the world; for Thy Word and Sacraments and all the means of grace; and for the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven and on earth,

*We praise Thee, O God.*

Glory, thanksgiving, and praise be unto Thee, O Father Almighty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.

### *Intercession*

**A**Lmighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; hear us as we pray for Thy Church Universal. Heal her divisions, O Lord, and cleanse her from fault and stain, that He who loved her and gave Himself for her may present her to Himself a glorious Church, holy and without blemish.

For Thy Church in this land we pray, that she may be faithful to the trust which Thou hast committed to her. Send down upon all her parishes and congregations the healthful Spirit of Thy grace. Bestow Thy blessing on those who minister in holy things, that they may faithfully serve Thee. Grant that those who bear office may be examples to the flock; that those who teach the young may reveal the glory of Christ; that those who lead the praises of the sanctuary may uplift all hearts unto Thee, our God; and that those who serve Thee in the

manifold work of the Church at home and in other lands may know the fellowship of Thy presence. Revive Thy work, O Lord, in the midst of the years; and hasten the time when in the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that He is Lord, to the glory of Thy holy name.

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth; unite the hearts of all men everywhere in the desire for peace and the love of concord; that they may dwell together in unity, as children of one Father.

Almighty Lord, from whom all power and dominion in heaven and on earth do proceed; we pray for Thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, that in all things Thy Spirit may rule and direct her heart. Bless Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the members of the Royal Family.

Guide with Thy wisdom the Queen's ministers and counsellors; the high Court of Parliament (*at this time assembled*); all rulers, judges, and magistrates (*especially the magistrates of this city, or town*). Guard and protect the Forces of the Crown wherever they serve; and so replenish with Thy heavenly gifts all who are called to the public service, that our nation and empire may be strengthened in the love of righteousness, enriched with liberty and order, and preserved in unity and peace.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort; we pray for all who are in trouble or affliction; for such as are in danger by sea or land or air; and for those whose faith is tried by distress of body or mind. Of Thy mercy relieve the suffering, heal the sick, support the dying, and comfort all who mourn. Hear us for all whom in silence we name before

Thee, . . . . ; bestow upon them Thy peace, and show them Thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving for the faithful departed*

**O**LORD God, the Light of the faithful, the Strength of those who labour, and the Repose of the blessed dead; we give Thee thanks for Thy saints who have witnessed in their lives a good confession, for all the faithful departed, and for those dear to our own hearts who have entered into rest . . . . Grant us grace so to follow their good example, that we may be one with them in spirit, and, at the last, together with them, be made partakers of Thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father...

### III

Let us pray.

*Illumination*

**O**GOD, the Father of lights, who by the entrance of Thy Word givest light unto the soul; pour down on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding; that, being taught of Thee in Holy Scripture, we may receive with faith the words of eternal life, and be made wise unto salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### IV

Let us pray.

*Dedication*

**O**LORD our Governor, who art King of all the earth; accept of Thine infinite goodness the offerings of Thy people which, in obedience to Thy commandment, in honour of Thy name, and with a

free will and joyful heart, we give and dedicate to Thee; and grant that the same, being devoted to Thy service, may be used for Thy glory, and for the welfare of Thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**V**OUCHSAFE, we pray Thee, that our souls may be refreshed by our worship, and that we, being gathered into the fellowship of Thy redeemed, may be kept in the faith and love of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**V**

*Benediction*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

*Or,*

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.



## THIRD MORNING SERVICE

### I

THE hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Let us pray.

#### *Adoration*

GOD, who art infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth; all Thy works praise Thee in all places of Thy dominion; and Thy glory is revealed in Jesus Christ Thy Son. Wherefore we praise Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, blessed for ever. AMEN.

#### *Confession*

LORD our God, who hast searched us and known us, and art acquainted with all our ways; Thou knowest our foolishness, and our sins are not hid from Thee. If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But Thou, O God, art gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin.

O merciful Father, who hast said, Fear not, for I have redeemed thee, and who hast given Thy Son to be the propitiation for the sins of the whole world; let Thy pardoning mercy absolve us from all our guilt. Cleanse us from secret faults; keep back Thy servants also from presumptuous sins; restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold us with Thy free Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Supplication*

**H**EAVENLY Father, we offer ourselves to Thee, that Thou mayest work in us according to Thy will. Take possession of the souls Thou hast redeemed. Give us simplicity of faith, purity of affection, and perseverance in every good work. Put far from us all anger and strife, bitterness and envy; and give us grace to be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as Thou, O Lord, hast forgiven us.

O God, who art our Preserver and Redeemer; keep us and save us amid the changes and chances of our days, that, in all our weakness, quietness and confidence may be our strength. Deliver us from temptation; comfort us in sorrow; rule our hearts in all things; and lead us in the way everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

**II**

Let us pray.

*Thanksgiving*

O Lord our God, the Author and Giver of all good things; we thank Thee for all Thy mercies, and for Thy loving care over all Thy creatures. We bless Thee for the gift of life, for Thy protection round about us, for Thy guiding hand upon us, and for the tokens of Thy love within us. We thank Thee for friendship and duty, for good hopes and precious memories, for the joys that cheer us, and the trials that teach us to trust in Thee. Most of all we thank Thee for the saving knowledge of Thy Son our Saviour; for the living presence of Thy Spirit,

the Comforter; for Thy Church, the body of Christ; for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and all the means of grace.

In all these things, O heavenly Father, make us wise unto a right use of Thy benefits, that we may render an acceptable thanksgiving unto Thee all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### *Intercession*

**H**OLY and loving God, whose eternal Son did take our nature upon Him, that He might redeem mankind unto Thee; hear us as we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church, that Thy people, confessing one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, may be knit together in one body and one Spirit, and that the world may believe in Him whom Thou hast sent, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for Thy Church in this land, and for all parishes and congregations within its borders; that Thy ministers may be enriched with knowledge and understanding of Thy truth, and be faithful stewards of Thy mysteries; and that all who name the name of Christ may labour for the welfare of men and the glory of Thy kingdom.

Send out Thy light and Thy truth into all the world. Inspire and uphold Thy servants who declare the Gospel of Thy love to those who know Thee not; guard and bless the converts brought into Thy Church in every land; and hasten the time when Thine ancient people Israel, with the redeemed of every race, shall be gathered into the fold of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth

and peace do proceed; kindle, we pray Thee, in the hearts of all men, the true love of peace, and guide with Thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquillity Thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Thy love.

We pray for our country, and for its dominions and dependencies, that Thou wouldst inspire them with godly fear and establish them in righteousness and truth; for our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the members of the Royal House; grant them Thy blessing, and keep them in Thy way. Direct and rule all who exercise authority throughout the empire, that we, under them, may lead quiet and peaceable lives in godliness and honesty, to the glory of Thy name.

O God of all the families of the earth; we pray that purity, love, and honour may dwell in our homes, and duty and affection be the bond of family life; help us to train our children in the ways of reverence and truth; and keep those absent from us under the shield of Thy care.

Most tender and pitiful Father; we beseech Thee for those who are in danger by land or sea or air; for all who are sick or suffering, and for those who draw nigh unto death; for the bereaved and the sorrowful; for such as have lost the light of reason, or have fallen into despair; for those passing through worldly adversity, and any whose hearts are bitter; for such as have secret trials, and for whom the help of man is vain; and for all in affliction known to ourselves, whom we name in

silence before thee . . . . Enable them to look unto Thee, O most merciful Father; vouchsafe to them present help, and, if it please Thee, a speedy and merciful deliverance from their distresses; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving for the faithful departed*

**O** GOD of the spirits of all flesh; we praise and magnify Thy holy name for Thy saints and martyrs of every age, for the whole multitude of the redeemed, and for all Thy servants dear to us, who, having finished their course, have entered into the joy of Thy heavenly presence . . . ; and we beseech Thee that we, being encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, may in the end have part with them, in the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father...

**III**

Let us pray.

*Illumination*

**L**ET the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**IV**

Let us pray.

*Dedication*

**O** LORD our God, send down upon us Thy Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee, to cleanse our hearts, to hallow our gifts, and to perfect the offering of ourselves to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**H**EAR Thou in heaven, Thy dwelling place, the supplications and prayers of Thy Church; through Jesus Christ Thy Son, unto whom, with Thee, O Father Almighty, and the Holy Spirit, one living and true God, be all honour and glory, worship and praise, now and for ever. AMEN.

## V

*Benediction*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

*Or,*

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

## FOURTH MORNING SERVICE

### I

**H**ONOUR and majesty are before the Lord;  
strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people,  
give unto the Lord glory and strength.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
fear before Him, all the earth.

Let us pray.

#### *Adoration*

**L**ORD God eternal, holy, almighty, merciful;  
maker of all things by Thy power, ruler of all  
things in Thy wisdom; we glorify Thee for the won-  
ders of the heavens and the earth; for the perfec-  
tion of Thy counsels; for the riches of Thy mercy  
toward the children of men; for Thy saving grace  
and truth revealed to the world in Jesus Christ; and  
for Thy presence vouchsafed to us through Thy  
Holy Spirit. All praise and adoration be given unto  
Thee, by day and night, with voice and heart, from  
generation to generation, O Father, Son, and Holy  
Spirit, God most blessed and most glorious, for  
ever and ever. AMEN.

#### *Confession*

**M**OST merciful Father; we acknowledge and  
confess before Thee our many sins. We have  
transgressed Thy holy laws; we have neglected Thy  
Word and ordinances; we have walked in our own  
ways and fulfilled the desires of our own hearts. By  
our heedlessness and selfishness we have injured  
others, hurt our own souls, and grieved Thy Holy  
Spirit.

Most gracious God, who pardonest and absolvest all them that truly repent and believe Thy holy Gospel; show Thy mercy upon us, and for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our only Mediator, forgive us our offences. Increase in us the grace of true repentance, that we may not only confess and lament our sins, but forsake them with our whole heart, and bring forth the fruits of holiness and righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Supplication*

**A**Lmighty God, who in Jesus Christ Thy Son hast given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness; grant us, we beseech Thee, in all our occupations, the aid of Thy strength and the guidance of Thy wisdom, that whether we be called to rule or to obey, to teach or to learn, to labour or to suffer, we may abide in Thee, and that, whatsoever we do, we may do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

Teach us, in whatsoever state we are, therewith to be content, that we may know both how to abound and how to suffer need; that in prosperity we may bless Thee, who givest us richly all things to enjoy, and in adversity may not suffer our faith in Thy love to fail. Guide us with Thy counsel while we live, and afterward receive us to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one blessed Trinity, be ascribed all might, majesty, dominion, and praise, now and evermore. AMEN.



## II

Let us pray.

*Thanksgiving*

**A**Lmighty and most merciful Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; we give Thee praise and hearty thanks for all Thy mercies. For Thy goodness that hath created us, Thy bounty that hath sustained us, Thy fatherly discipline that hath chastened and corrected us, Thy patience that hath borne with us, and Thy love that hath redeemed us, we praise Thee, O Lord. For Thy Son our Saviour, for Thy Spirit our Comforter, for Thy Church our home, for the lives of all good and godly men, and for the hope of the life to come; we praise Thee, O God.

Grant unto us, with all Thy gifts, a heart to love and praise Thee; and enable us to show our thankfulness for Thy benefits by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and cheerfully conforming in all things to Thy blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all glory, world without end. AMEN.

*Intercession*

Let us pray for the whole Church of God.

**M**OST gracious Father, we humbly beseech Thee for Thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, and in all truth with all peace. Where it is in error, reform it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; and where it is rent asunder, heal Thou the divisions thereof; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Let us pray for all who serve the Lord in His Church.

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who hast bestowed upon Thy Church the holy ministry of Word and Sacrament, and dost continue it from age to age; endue Thy ministers with Thy Spirit; enable all who are called to serve Thee in Thy Church to fulfil their office with fidelity and zeal; and grant unto all Thy people that they may worship Thee in truth, and always labour and pray for the coming of Thy kingdom; for Thine own name's sake. AMEN.

Let us pray for the peace of the whole world.

**O** GOD, who hast revealed Thy purpose for mankind in Him who is King of Righteousness and Prince of Peace; inspire the hearts of all men to follow after justice, and hasten the time when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Let us pray for our Queen and those in authority under her.

**O** GOD, the King of kings; bestow Thy blessing upon Thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, and all her House; and grant unto her ministers and counsellors, and all judges and magistrates of the realm, Thy grace and guidance; that they may ever labour for the welfare of the people, the honour of our land, and the glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Let us pray for our country and empire.

**L**ORD, bless this kingdom and empire, that religion and virtue may season all sorts of men; that there may be peace within the gates of it and prosperity in all its borders. In peace so preserve it that it corrupt not; in trouble so defend it that it suffer not; and so order it, whether in plenty or in want, that it may patiently and peaceably seek Thee, the only full supply and sure foundation both of men and states; that so it may continue a place and people to do Thee service to the end of time; through Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer AMEN.

Let us pray for those dear to us who are in distant places.

**O**LORD our God, who art in every place, and from whom no space or distance can ever part us; take into Thy holy keeping those from whom we are now separated; and grant that both they and we, by drawing near to Thee, may be drawn nearer to one another, in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Let us pray for hospitals and infirmaries.

**C**ONTINUE among us, O Father, the gracious work of Christ Thy Son, who healed the sick and went about doing good; that through the patience, skill, and wisdom of physicians, surgeons, and nurses, the sick may be restored. Supply the needs of the blind, the deaf, and the dumb; protect such as have lost the light of reason; and send down Thy blessing on all who labour to prevent suffering, and to forward Thy purpose of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Let us pray for all in suffering and distress

**G**OD of all comfort; we commend unto Thee all  
in any wise afflicted, all persons oppressed  
with poverty, sickness, or other trouble of body or  
sorrow of mind, and all such as we name in our  
hearts . . . . Grant them the consolations of which  
they have need, and overrule their present suffer-  
ings to their eternal good; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. AMEN.

Let us remember with thanksgiving the faithful  
departed.

**O** LORD Most High, we give Thee thanks for all  
Thy saints, martyrs, and confessors; for Thy  
faithful servants who in their lives have witnessed  
a good confession; and for all dear to us whom Thou  
hast taken to Thy nearer presence... Grant us  
grace to follow them as they followed Christ; and  
bring us, with them, to those things which eye hath  
not seen, nor ear heard, which Thou hast prepared  
for them that love Thee; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father...

### III

Let us pray.

#### *Illumination*

**L**ET Thy Gospel, O Lord, come unto us, not in  
word only, but also in power, and in the Holy  
Spirit, and in much assurance; that, with humble,  
teachable, and obedient hearts, we may receive  
what Thou hast revealed, and do always that which  
Thou hast commanded; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. AMEN.

## IV

Let us pray.

*Dedication*

**G**RANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears may, through Thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy name; and that our gifts, being dedicated to Thy service, may be used for the good of Thy Church and the welfare of Thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and praise, world without end. AMEN.

## V

*Benediction*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

*Or,*

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

## FIFTH MORNING SERVICE

### I

**S**E EK ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Let us pray.

#### *Adoration*

**A**LMIGHTY and most blessed God, Lord of Heaven and earth, of whom and through whom and to whom are all things; we praise Thy glorious Majesty. Thy wisdom is seen in all Thy works; Thy grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ Thy Son; Thy power and presence are vouchsafed to us through Thy Holy Spirit; wherefore we adore Thy holy name, O blessed Trinity, for ever and ever. AMEN.

#### *Confession*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who art rich in mercy to all them that call upon Thee; hear us as we come to Thee humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Thy pity and forgiveness. We have broken Thy holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before Thee our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and wilfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings towards Thee and towards our fellow men.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Most merciful Father, grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins, according to Thy word; deliver us from evil; preserve and confirm us in good; and lead us to everlasting life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### *Supplication*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, who hast created us for Thyself, so that we can find rest only in Thee; grant unto us purity of heart and strength of purpose, so that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Thy will, no weakness from doing it; but in Thy light may we see light clearly, and in Thy service find perfect freedom.

Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.

Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.

Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.

Eternal Power, be our support.

Grant us, with all our heart and soul and strength and mind, evermore to love and obey Thee; and finally, in Thy mercy, bring us to Thy nearer presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, be glory and praise, world without end. AMEN.

## II

Let us pray.

### *Thanksgiving*

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies; we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and

loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

#### *Intercession*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast committed unto Thy people the ministry of intercession; hear us as we pray for others, and grant that our hearts may be filled with peace and charity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Thy holy Church throughout all the world, that Thou wouldst bestow upon the ministers of Thy Word and Sacraments the abundance of Thy grace and truth, and confirm Thy people in the faith of the Gospel, that Christ be exalted as head over all:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

For Thy people here and everywhere, that thou wouldst inspire them with love for Thy House, zeal in Thy service, and joy in the advancement of Thy kingdom:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

For the fulfilment of Thy promise to pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh, that all who are in the bondage of sin and error may be brought to the liberty and joy of the Gospel:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*



For Thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, that Thou wouldst uphold and guide her by Thy heavenly grace; for Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the Royal House, that Thou wouldst encompass them with Thy favour:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

For the peoples of the British Commonwealth, that they may rightly use the trust committed to them for the good of mankind; and for those in authority, that they may govern in righteousness:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

For all the nations, that Thou wouldst breathe upon them the spirit of peace and understanding; and for those who take counsel for the peoples of the earth, that Thou wouldst inspire in them a true desire for peace and a love of concord:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

For all universities, colleges, and schools, that through them knowledge may be increased among us, and good learning flourish and abound; and for all who teach in them and all who learn, that in humility of heart they may ever look unto Thee, the fountain of all wisdom:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

For all in sickness and distress, that Thou wouldst give strength to the weary, relief to the suffering, and comfort to the sad:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

*Thanksgiving for the faithful departed*

**E**TERNAL Lord God, who holdest all souls in life; shed forth, we beseech Thee, on Thy whole Church in heaven and on earth the bright beams of Thy light and heavenly comfort. Receive our thanksgiving for those who have loved and served Thee and are now at rest; and grant that we, following their good example, may at the last enter with them into the fullness of Thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, blessed for evermore. AMEN.

OUR Father...

## III

Let us pray.

*Illumination*

**O** LORD our God, who hast given Thy word to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path; grant us grace to receive Thy truth in faith and love, that by it we may be prepared unto every good word and work, to the glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## IV

Let us pray.

*Dedication*

**B**LESSED be Thou, O Lord God, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine; Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of Thee, and of Thine own do we

give Thee. Give unto us a perfect heart, to keep Thy commandments, and to do all such things as Thou desirest of us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, the Father everlasting, whom the glorious hosts of heaven obey, and in whose presence the spirits of just men made perfect continually do live; enable us who are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, to lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and to run with patience the race that is set before us, that we may at the last obtain the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

V

*Benediction*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

*Or,*

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

## AN ALTERNATIVE ORDER FOR MORNING SERVICE

*The Congregation being assembled, the Minister shall say to the People:*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you:

R. And with thy spirit.

M. Let us worship God.

*A Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn shall thereupon be sung.*

*Then shall be said a Call to Prayer, in words of Holy Scripture, the people still standing; after which shall be offered Prayers of Adoration, Confession, and Supplication.*

**O** GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. Be thankful unto Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good: His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations. Praise ye the Lord.

Let us pray.

**H**OLY God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal; glory be to Thee who sittest upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. To Thee all Thy people, from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, cry aloud with joyful voice and say, Glory be to Thee, O God, the Saviour of all, for ever and ever. AMEN.

*Here may be added a brief thanksgiving appropriate to the season of the Christian Year, or to any special circumstances; after which the Minister shall continue:*

**O** GOD, most merciful and gracious; we confess that we have sinned against Thee, and against one another. We have forsaken the path of life, transgressed Thy holy commandments and grieved Thy Holy Spirit. Forgive and cleanse us, we beseech Thee, and grant us courage, insight, and a deeper faith, that we may more truly serve and follow Thee.

Let Thy mercy come upon us in great fullness, even as our sins against Thee have been many; and let Thy forgiving love overflow all our transgressions, that they may be covered and blotted out, and we be purified unto newness of life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. AMEN.

*Then shall follow this Prayer for Grace, or another according to the season of the Christian Year:*

**O** LORD our God, grant us grace to desire Thee with our whole heart, that so desiring, we may seek and find Thee; and so finding Thee, we may love Thee; and loving Thee we may hate those sins from which Thou hast redeemed us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** LORD our God, hear us when we make our common supplications unto Thee.

For the peace that is from above, and for Thy lovingkindness, O God, we make our supplication unto Thee.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of Thy Church, and for the unity thereof, we make our supplication unto Thee.

For this House of prayer, and for all who enter here, we make our supplication unto Thee.

Remembering what Thy love hath wrought in Thy saints, and Thy faithfulness to our fathers and brethren who are now with Thee, we commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our Lord.

Help, pity, save, and defend us, O Lord our God. AMEN.

*Then shall be sung a Canticle, Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn, showing forth the glory of God.*

*Then a Lesson from the Old Testament shall be read; after which a Psalm, or Psalms, from the prose version of the Psalter shall be sung or read, ending with the Gloria; or a metrical Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn shall be sung. Then a Lesson, or Lessons, from the New Testament shall be read, of which one shall be taken from the Gospels.*

*Before each Lesson the words shall be used:*

Hear the Word of God, as it is written in . . . . .  
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The Lord bless to us the reading of His holy Word,  
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*After the New Testament Lesson, the Apostles' Creed may be said by the Minister and People together, all standing:*

I BELIEVE . . .

*Then shall be offered Prayers of Intercession.*

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who art the Hope of all the ends of the earth; we pray for Thy holy Catholic Church, which Thou hast called in all lands to bear witness of Thy grace; that Thou wouldst bless her with abundance of charity and peace. Give to those who serve Thee in her ministry the spirit of patience and humility, prudence and courage, to declare Thy will by a pure life and wise words; that Thy people may be led in the way everlasting.

We beseech Thee to bless all nations with unity, peace, and concord, and to cause light and freedom to arise and increase throughout the world.

Direct with Thy wisdom all science and discovery, and grant that art and learning may flourish and abound. Bless the labour of the husbandman, and prosper all lawful trades and industries.

Bless, we pray Thee, all who bear rule among the peoples; regard with Thy favour Thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family. We pray for the Houses of Parliament (*now assembled*), and for all judges and magistrates; that Thou wouldst give them the spirit of wisdom, justice, and equity. Grant to the Queen's Forces Thy protection and defence.

Bless the whole nation; save us from strife and faction, from blindness of heart and worldliness, and from unfaithfulness to the high trust which Thou hast committed to us.

We commend to Thee, O Lord, our kindred, friends, and benefactors, and those among whom we dwell. Let peace be to our households, and

those who dwell therein be children of peace. Bless the young, that they may grow in wisdom as in stature, and in favour with God and man.

Have compassion, O Lord, on the sick, the poor, the desolate, and all who are afflicted and sorrowful. Inspire them with faith and hope; uphold, comfort, and save them.

Have mercy on those who wander in doubt and uncertainty amid the darkness of this world, and all who are hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Vouchsafe them grace to come to themselves, the will and power to return unto Thee, and the loving welcome of Thy forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Here may follow any special intercessions (pp. 281-306).*

**E**TERNAL God, who in thy redeemed and holy ones of old hast manifested Thy wonderful love and power; grant that we, finding Thee whom they have found, and loving Thee whom they have loved, may come to dwell with them and Thee for ever, in the gladness of Thy glorious presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**Lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. AMEN.



And now to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three Persons and one God, be ascribed by us, and by the whole Church, as is most due, the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

*Then a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn shall be sung, and thereafter the Banns of Marriage may be proclaimed and Intimations made. Before the Sermon a Prayer for Illumination shall be offered.*

**O** GOD, who art Light eternal; we beseech Thee to shed the blessed beams of Thy truth upon our understanding, that by instruction of Thy word we may know Thy will and be made wise unto salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*The Sermon shall then be preached and shall end with an Ascription of Praise.*

*Then shall the Offerings be received.*

*Then shall follow Prayers of Thanksgiving, Dedication, and Intercession, such as these following, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.*

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, by whose hand all living things were made, and by whose blessing they are nourished and sustained; we give Thee hearty thanks for all the bounties of Thy providence, and for Thy mercies which never fail; and we humbly pray that, enjoying Thy gifts in contentment, we may be enabled by Thy grace to use them to Thy praise. Especially do we thank Thee for Thine infinite love in sending Thy Son to be the Saviour of the world, and in calling us out of darkness into the fellowship of Thy Church; and we beseech Thee so to direct us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may grow continually in thankfulness toward Thee, and be conformed to the likeness of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Then shall follow this, or some other Prayer of Self-dedication suited to the day (e.g. p.259 or p. 271).*

**O** LORD our God, we adore Thy divine Majesty, and dedicate ourselves anew to Thy service; beseeching Thee that in all our thoughts, words, and works we may be enabled both to seek and to shew forth Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**W**E remember before Thee the multitude of every name who are joined with us throughout the world. O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance; feed them also, and lift them up for ever. And, we beseech Thee, knit surely together Thy servants on earth and in heaven, that we, being even now of one fellowship with the saints, may come to be of one company with the redeemed, who laud Thee for ever and ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.

OUR Father...

*A Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn shall be sung; and then shall the Minister dismiss the People with the Benediction.*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

## FIRST EVENING SERVICE

*The Congregation being assembled, the Minister shall solemnly call them to worship, saying:*

Let us worship God.

*A Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn shall thereupon be sung.*

*Then shall be said a Call to Prayer, in the words of Holy Scripture; after which shall be offered Prayers of Approach, Confession, and Supplication.*

**H**E that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty God, our heavenly Father, in whom alone our hearts find rest and peace; we beseech Thee to reveal Thyself to us in this hour of worship; pour down upon us Thy spiritual gifts; and grant that this season of holy quiet may be profitable to us in heavenly things, and refresh and strengthen us to finish the work which Thou hast given us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**H**OLY and righteous Father, before whom we cannot justify ourselves or profess our innocence; we confess the evil of our ways, without concealment and without excuse. In the light of the sacrifice of Thy Son upon the Cross, we see and acknowledge the hatefulness of our sins. Grant us, in that light, also to see Thy great and wondrous

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*The words in italics apply to each of the following services.*

mercy; that we may offer unto Thee the sacrifice of a humble and contrite heart. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving kindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions, and grant us Thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who art ever calling us by Thy Word and Spirit to walk before Thee in faith and uprightness; keep us in the fellowship of Jesus Christ Thy Son, in whom Thou hast brought near to us the glory and beauty of a holy life. Give us grace, each in our place and station, to serve Thee day by day with a quiet heart. Amid the snares and dangers of this life, protect our weakness with Thy never-failing love. Deliver us from the evil in the world around us; from the evil that is in ourselves; from all uncharitable and impure thoughts; from all hard and bitter words; from all unkind and selfish deeds.

Keep us in the constant sense of our membership in Christ, in the thought that we are His soldiers and servants, in the love of our Father's House, and in the blessed hope of our eternal home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise, world without end. AMEN.

*Then shall be sung a Psalm, Paraphrase, Hymn or Canticle.*

*Then a Lesson from the Old Testament shall be read; After which a Psalm, or Psalms, from the prose version of the Psalter shall be sung or read, ending with the Gloria; or a metrical Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn shall be sung. Then a Lesson from the New Testament shall be read.*

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standing:*

I BELIEVE . . .

*Then shall be offered Prayers of Thanksgiving and  
Intercession, followed by the Lord's Prayer, in which  
the People shall join.*

Let us pray.

**O** LORD our God, whose mercy and loving kindness are without end; we give Thee thanks for all the blessings of Thy providence and the gifts of Thy grace; for godly nurture, and instruction in the truths and duties of our religion; and for the training in character and service received through the ministries of home. Above all we bless Thee for the Gospel of Thy redeeming love in Jesus Christ Thy Son, and for the knowledge of Thy will and of the way of salvation, given us in Thy holy Word. Grant, O Lord, that, having that light, we may walk therein as children of the light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father; we beseech Thee to give us the grace of sympathy as we intercede before Thee for all men.

Bless the work of Thy Church in all her communions, and in every land; help us to feel and

know that we are one with all who love the name of Christ and seek the glory of His kingdom.

Hear, O Lord, our prayers for the peace of the world. Guide the rulers with Thy counsel; remove from the people all prejudice and fear; and pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh, that the nations may be brought into a new bond of fellowship, one with another, and together with Thee.

Shew Thy favour, O God, towards this nation and people; to our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all her House; to the Queen's ministers, and all who share with them the responsibility of government and discipline in our land. Give to them the spirit of wisdom and discernment; inspire, govern, and direct their hearts; and grant that, ruling in Thy fear, they may lead the people in the ways of righteousness and peace.

Gracious and most merciful Father; let Thy presence and peace be known wheresoever there is sickness, sorrow or distress. Give to all tired and weary sufferers, this night, the gift of sleep; and, if sleep come not, let Thy Holy Spirit bring to their remembrance thoughts of comfort from Thy Word, that they may stay their minds on Thee.

We pray for all dear to us. Fill us with such love, gentleness, and patience, that we may walk in our homes with a perfect heart, and have in each other a joy that passeth not away; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast given us the blessed assurance that the dead as well as the living are in Thy care; we give Thee thanks for all dear and loved ones who have passed away from our earthly fellowship. Keep us, with

them, in the everlasting fellowship of Thy Church, and bring us at last, cleansed and purified, to the glory and beauty of Thine eternal presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*Then a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn shall be sung, before or after which Intimations may be made.*

*Before the Sermon a Prayer for Illumination shall be offered.*

Let us pray.

HEAVENLY Father, deliver us, we beseech Thee, from every form of pride, vanity, and self-will; and grant us humbly and gladly to receive the teaching of Thy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*The Sermon shall then be preached, followed by an Ascription of Praise.*

*Then the Offerings shall be received, and a Prayer of Dedication offered.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who dost daily load us with Thy benefits; we acknowledge Thy goodness to us in the gifts we now offer on Thine altar; grant that we may, with our earthly things, yield unto Thee also the obedience of our wills, that our sacrifice may not be in vain; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Lord our God, as we leave this holy place, let the blessings we have received in the sanctuary abide with us. Grant that from day to day the lips that have uttered Thy praise be kept clean from every stain of evil, and the hearts that have been

Thy dwelling-place remain consecrated to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**L**IGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*A Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn shall be sung; and then shall the Minister dismiss the People with the Benediction.*

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.



## SECOND EVENING SERVICE

### I

**L**ORD, we cry unto Thee. Let our prayer be set forth before Thee as incense; and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

Let us pray.

#### *Approach*

**A**Lmighty God, our heavenly Father; receive us in this evening hour as we offer ourselves anew to Thee in body, soul, and spirit. Let not Thy holy day pass except it leave its benediction with us. Give to us the stilled and quieted heart to which Thy truth can speak, that we may glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ Thy Son. AMEN.

#### *Confession*

**W**E do not forget, O most holy God, that in Thy sight we are sinners, who have never perfectly loved Thee nor wholly striven to do Thy will. There is no commandment of Thy Word which we have not transgressed in spirit or in act. There are no high and holy things in which we do not acknowledge ourselves to have come short. We have walked in shadows, and have not believed the love which Thou, O God, hast toward us.

But Thou, merciful Father, who in Thine infinite love hast given Thy Son to take away our sin, hear our confession; absolve us from our guilt, and so renew us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may live henceforward unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Supplication*

**G**RANT us, O Lord, a mind set free from self, a steadfast and cheerful spirit; and give us an understanding heart, that we may speak the helpful word and do the Christ-like deed. In our duties grant us Thy help; in our difficulties, Thy counsel; in our dangers, Thy protection; and in all our sorrows, Thy peace; and bring us in the end, beyond all shadows of our mortal night, to behold the glory of Thy presence; through Him who liveth and reigneth, and is worshipped and glorified, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, world without end. AMEN.

## II

Let us pray.

*Thanksgiving*

**O** GOD our Father, merciful and gracious; hear the thanksgivings with which we come before Thy throne, in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

For the wonder of Thy beauty, manifest in the world; for Thy wisdom inspiring the works of men; and for Thy fatherly love shewn forth to us in Christ Jesus:

*Praise be to Thee, O God.*

For the happiness of our earthly life; for home and friends; and for the joy of loving and being loved:

*Praise be to Thee, O God.*

For the power to love Thee, for the right to pray to Thee, and for Thine answers to our prayers:

*Praise be to Thee, O God.*

For Thy love in stooping to our race throughout the ages, revealing the fullness of Thy grace and truth; and for all prophets, saints, benefactors, and lovers of God and men, who have seen the vision of Thy glory:

*Praise be to Thee, O God.*

But, above all, for Jesus Christ Thy Son, the Word Incarnate, who came to end the reign of sin and death, and to bring in the reign of righteousness and life:

*Praise be to Thee, O God.*

### *Intercession*

**W**E pray, O blessed God, for Thy holy and universal Church, that Thou wouldst deepen her life, and increase and perfect her witness to Thee in the world.

We pray for all nations, that to each may be given the blessings of Christian light and truth, a right mind, and just counsels. Grant peace on earth and goodwill among men; that all may employ Thy good gifts of order and liberty to the welfare of mankind and to Thy glory. God save the Queen, and continue Thy favour to our beloved land.

Let Thy blessing rest, O Lord, upon our common life, that our spirit may be disciplined and earnest. Grant that our homes be holy, our work honourable, and our pleasures and enjoyments pure. Guard and save us from every selfish use of the liberty in which we stand. Bless our just and lawful undertakings, and grant that in time of prosperity we may not forget Thee, nor in time of adversity think ourselves forgotten of Thee.

Into Thy hands, O Father, we commit the sick, the sorrowful, the lonely, the tempted; that they may know Thy healing and sanctifying power, and obtain the victory of faith; through Jesus Christ thy Son. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving for the faithful departed*

WITH reverence and affection we remember before Thee, O everlasting God, all our friends and kindred who have passed within the veil. Keep us in union with them here, through faith and love towards Thee, that hereafter we may enter into Thy blessed presence, and be numbered with those who serve Thee and behold Thy face, in glory everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord, unto whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise, now and for evermore. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

III

Let us pray.

*Illumination*

ALMIGHTY God, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; open our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of Thy law; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and heartily choose the way of Thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

IV

Let us pray.

*Dedication*

OUR LORD most bountiful; all things come of Thee, and of Thine own do we give Thee. Now therefore, our God, accept us Thy servants, and

these our offerings which we bring in devotion to Thy most holy name; and give us grace evermore to serve Thee with gladness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**I** NTO Thy hands, O gracious Father, we commend ourselves, and all whom we love. Thine, O Lord, is the day. Thine also is the night; cover our sins with Thy mercy as Thou dost cover the earth with darkness; and grant that the Sun of Righteousness may ever shine in our hearts, to chase away the darkness of all evil thoughts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## V

### *Benediction*

**T** HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

## THIRD EVENING SERVICE

### I

**T**HE day goeth away, and the shadows of the evening are stretched out.

This is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Let us pray.

#### *Approach*

**A**LMIGHTY God, help us as the day departs, to enter Thy secret place where there is no darkness at all. Disperse the shadows that hide Thy glory from us, and illumine our souls with the radiance of Thy truth and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

#### *Confession*

**O** GOD, in whom we trust, and who art ever to be found of them that seek Thee; we acknowledge that we have nothing of our own that is worthy of Thy lovingkindness; and we confess that there is much in us that deserves Thy sore displeasure. In Thy presence we deplore the coldness of our love, the feebleness of our faith, the poverty of our service.

Forgive us, we beseech Thee, merciful Father. Suffer us not to be bound by the chains of our past transgressions; set us free to serve Thee with willing mind and undivided heart. Leave us not, neither forsake us, O God of our salvation; for in

Thy mercy is our hope, in Thy goodness our strength and stay, and in Thy love our perfect life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Supplication*

**G**IVE us trust in Thee, O God, for all that the days shall bring. Enable us cheerfully to perform our appointed duties, and, without murmuring or reluctance, to do whatsoever Thy will directs. Be our strength in weakness, our light in darkness, our wisdom in uncertainty; and grant us full assurance that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, shall be able to separate us from Thy love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And unto Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be glory and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

**II**

Let us pray.

*Thanksgiving*

**A**Lmighty God, whose nature is love, and from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift; we give Thee humble and hearty thanks for Thy goodness to us and to all men, for the blessings of this life, and for the promise, in Christ, of everlasting happiness in the world to come. And, as is most due, we thank Thee for the mercies which we ourselves have received from Thee in the past; for the manifold enjoyments of our daily life, and for every blessing of body and soul. Grant this, O Lord, with Thine other mercies, that, looking to Thee as the author and giver of all good things, we may praise Thee, not only with our lips, but in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Intercession*

**F**ATHER of all, who hast declared Thy love to all men; hear us as we bring their needs to Thee in prayer.

We pray for Thy Church throughout the world. Illuminate her ministers with the knowledge and understanding of Thy Word. Send down the healthful dew of Thy grace upon all her congregations. Deliver her from false doctrine. Manifest more and more her unity, and clothe her with the beauty of holiness and peace. [Especially we ask Thy blessing upon ... every good work carried on in this parish.] Reveal and establish Thy glory among the nations. Send the light of Thy Gospel to the dark places of the earth; call back to Thy fold those who have wandered from Thee. And bring in speedily the full victory of Thine everlasting kingdom.

Pour forth Thy Spirit upon all flesh, that discord and strife may be brought to a perpetual end. Deliver men everywhere from all contempt for others not of their race or colour, condition or creed. Quicken by Thy Gospel the sense of brotherhood among all peoples, and bring them to true unity of spirit, in the bond of peace.

Bless our country; give grace and guidance to our Queen and all in authority over us, that they may stand firm for truth and right, none making them afraid. Bless all sorts and conditions of the people, and hasten among us the upbuilding of the city of God, wherein righteousness, love, and peace shall reign.

Father of mercies, the rest of weary souls and the joy of them that sorrow; pity the helpless, succour the friendless and the oppressed, deliver



the tempted, sustain the sick, and uphold the dying. Take our loved ones, here and everywhere, into Thy care and keeping, and evermore shield and guide them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving for the faithful departed*

WE remember with thanksgiving those who have passed within the veil, and entered into rest; and we beseech Thee to grant us an immortal hope, and to bring us with them, when our days on earth are over, to the joy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father...

III

Let us pray.

*Illumination*

GOD, who didst command the light to shine out of darkness; shine into our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of Thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be honour and praise, now and for evermore. AMEN.

IV

Let us pray.

*Dedication*

GOD, accept of Thine infinite goodness these our offerings, and grant that they, being devoted to Thy service, may be used for Thy glory, and for the welfare of Thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

WE commend ourselves to Thy keeping, beseeching Thee to enable us to love Thee with all our hearts and our neighbour as ourselves; and

grant that whether Thou lead us in green pastures and by still waters, or through darkness and the valley of the shadow, our hearts may rest in Thee and in Thy peace for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit be glory, honour and power, for ever and ever AMEN.

## V

*Benediction*

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

## FOURTH EVENING SERVICE

### I

**G**LORY ye in God's holy name: seek the Lord and His strength: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

Let us pray.

#### *Approach*

**A**LMIGHTY God, Maker and Preserver of all things visible and invisible; we bow before Thine unsearchable greatness, adoring Thee for Thine infinite Majesty, and blessing Thee for Thy wondrous love revealed in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour. AMEN.

#### *Confession*

**W**E know and confess, O God, that our hearts are unworthy to receive Thee, for in many things we have offended Thee; but we pray Thee to cleanse us from our sins, and deliver us from our faults, and to give us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that Thou mayest dwell in us and we in Thee. AMEN.

#### *Supplication*

**O** GOD, strong and mighty; we beseech Thee to make us strong in Thee. Give us strength of body, that we may do our work well and cheerfully, and bear the burdens of others. Give us strength of mind, that we may fearlessly accept Thy truth, and faithfully hold to it. Give us strength of heart, that we may love Thee with all our powers, and love our neighbour as ourselves. Increase our faith, that we may trust in Thy promises, and ever keep

fast our hold on Jesus Christ our Saviour. And give us patience, that we may not murmur under trials and afflictions, but rejoice that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. Grant this, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, we ascribe all glory and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

## II

Let us pray.

### *Thanksgiving*

**M**OST merciful Father, from whom come all the blessings of the light, and who in darkness still art near; all praise and thanks be unto Thee for all Thy dealings with us which manifest Thy goodness, and for those also in which Thy love is hidden from our eyes. We thank Thee for Thy holy Word delivered to Thy Church, for the Faith which it has conveyed to men from one generation to another, and for the mercies by which it has enlarged and comforted our souls. For these and all Thy other benefits, we give Thee thanks, O Father; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### *Intercession*

**R**EMEMBER, O Lord, Thy Church upon earth: deepen her influence and extend her power for good, till the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

We pray for our beloved land: for our rulers and governors, and for all who have part in public service. Make them pure in motive, wise in counsel, and strong in action, doing right in the fear of Thy holy name.

Father in heaven, look down in mercy upon our distraught and fevered world; forgive the mistaken ambitions, the selfish passions and the presumptuous claims of men; remove suspicion and bitterness from among the nations, and bring them to peace and concord by the redeeming love of Christ.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon those who are passing through sore trial: the poor, the sick, the anxious, the oppressed; those who are in danger from the fury of the elements, or from the violence of men. Inspire in us, and in our fellow men, the will to help our suffering brethren. Heal, protect, and strengthen them, according to their need. Comfort those in sorrow, with the comfort which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We pray for our own dear ones, wheresoever they are, that, surrounded by Thy love, they may be kept in health and joy, and abide in safety and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving for the faithful departed*

**A**LMIGHTY God, with whom do live the souls of them that depart hence in the Lord; we remember with gratitude the great and good of all generations, with our own loved ones whom Thou hast called out of this transitory world to be with Thee. Grant us, in our earthly pilgrimage, to abide in their fellowship, and in the heavenly country to dwell with them for ever; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to whom with Thee the Father, and the Holy Spirit, be glory and dominion, world without end. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

## III

Let us pray.

*Illumination*

**O** LORD of light, make pure our hearts, that we may see Thee; reveal Thyself to us, that we may love Thee. Strengthen our wills, that we may choose the good from the evil, and day by day manifest in the world the glory and power of Thy blessed Gospel, which Thou hast made known to us through Thy Son Jesus Christ. AMEN.

## IV

Let us pray.

*Dedication*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty, that Thou wouldst grant us increase of Thy heavenly grace, and Thine effectual aid against all our enemies, visible and invisible; and vouchsafe that, after this mortal life is ended, we may be counted worthy to behold the splendour and glory of Thy saints in the kingdom of God, and to rejoice with them in our only Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honour, glory, dominion, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

## V

*Benediction*

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

## FIFTH EVENING SERVICE

### I

**D**RAW nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Let us pray.

#### *Approach*

**O** GOD, Light of the hearts that see Thee, Life of the souls that love Thee, and Strength of the thoughts that seek Thee; from whom to turn away is to fall, to whom to be turned is to rise, and in whom to abide is to stand fast for ever; grant us now Thy grace and blessing, as we are here assembled to offer up our common supplications; and, though we are unworthy to approach Thee or to ask anything of Thee at all, vouchsafe to hear and answer us; for the sake of our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

#### *Confession*

**O** LORD, we acknowledge our shortcomings and failures, and humbly confess our errors and sins. But forasmuch as Thou delightest to show mercy, we beseech Thee to pardon and absolve us, to deliver us from the burden of transgression, and to release us from the power of sin; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. AMEN.

*Supplication*

**B**E pleased, O Lord, to hear our humble supplications, and to keep us in Thy way.

From indolence and weakness of purpose; from indifference, carelessness, and insincerity:

*O Lord, deliver us.*

From despondency and lack of faith; from cowardice and self-conceit:

*O Lord, deliver us.*

From dishonesty, extravagance, and debt, and all injustice to others:

*O Lord, deliver us.*

From all temptation to put pleasure above duty, and from all frailty of the flesh:

*O Lord, deliver us.*

In all times of ignorance or perplexity; in all times of mistake or misunderstanding:

*Help us, O Lord.*

That we may love Thee in our fellow men, and find Thee in our work and prayers:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

**O** GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honour, glory, dominion, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.



## II

Let us pray.

*Intercession*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast revealed Thy glory among all nations; preserve the works of Thy mercy; that Thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Thy name.

Have mercy, we beseech Thee, on all our brethren this night: on our Queen and all her household, that they may have peace; on those in authority or command, that they may be strengthened with counsel; on those toiling in lonely places or at bitter tasks, that they may have courage to endure; on the sinful, that they may repent; on the sick, that they may obtain rest in sleep; on the mourners, that they may be comforted; on the dying, that they may find repose.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend our spirits.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend all who are near and dear to us.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend this parish and congregation, with all Thy people.

Thou hast promised, saying: I will never leave thee; I will help thee; I will redeem thee; I will keep thee always, even unto the end of the world.

The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving*

**O** FATHER in heaven, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we glorify Thee. We thank Thee for the everlasting riches of Thy mercy, for the communion of Thy saints in heaven and on earth, and for Thy gifts of love about us; but most for the precious gift of Jesus Christ our Lord, whom to serve is perfect freedom. Day by day Thou art with us; thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

**III**

Let us pray.

*Illumination*

**O** SPIRIT of the living God, who dwellest in Thy Church; who art holiness, wisdom and might; come Thou, and fill the hearts of Thy faithful people; and kindle within them the fire of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**IV**

Let us pray.

*Dedication*

**O** GOD, who art the Giver of all good; we give Thee thanks and praise for the bounty of Thy providence and the riches of Thy grace; and we dedicate ourselves to Thee in the love and fellowship of Thy Son our Saviour; in token whereof we present unto Thee these our offerings, beseeching Thee graciously to accept and bless them; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**I**NTO Thy keeping, O gracious Father, we commit ourselves and all whom we love. Grant that we may securely live under the safeguard and protection of Thy well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Grant also that His kingdom, by Thy great power, may prosper, and be advanced daily more and more; and that we, being stayed upon Thy promises, may render unto Thee the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which is Thy due, both now and all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## V

### *Benediction*

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

## SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

### No. I

*The service shall begin with a Psalm or Hymn.*

*Then shall be said a Call to Prayer, followed by  
Prayers of Invocation, Confession, and Supplication.*

**G**OD be merciful unto us and bless us:  
And cause His face to shine upon us.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
Fear before Him, all the earth.

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, our heavenly Father, who lovest all Thy children and forgettest none; accept us as we come to Thee with humble and reverent hearts, and be pleased to pour out Thy blessing upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**W**E confess, O God, the wrong we have done; we have not always spoken the truth; we have not always done to others what we would that they should do to us:

*Forgive us, O Lord.*

We have oftentimes forgotten Thee; we have been idle and disobedient; we have been selfish and unkind:

*Forgive us, O Lord.*

For the sake of Thy dear Son, our Saviour, we beseech Thee to pardon our sins, and to help us that we may serve Thee better:

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, who givest us to see in Jesus Christ how Thou wouldst have us live; help us to love Thee with all our heart and soul and strength and mind, and to love our neighbour as ourselves:

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Give us a pure and upright heart, that we may hate all meanness, dishonesty, and lies, and seek after whatsoever things are true and just, pure and lovely:

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Keep our tongue from evil; and strengthen us that we may conquer our temptations and so be children of the light and of the day:

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Teach us to be kind one to another, and to bear one another's burdens, that gladness and joy may reign among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Then a Psalm shall be sung or read responsively, ending with:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

*Then a Lesson from the Old Testament shall be read, a Psalm or Hymn sung, and a Lesson from the New Testament read.*

*Before each Lesson the words are used:*

Hear the Word of God, as it is written in . . . . the . . . . chapter, at the . . . . verse.

*And at the end of each:*

The Lord bless to us the reading of His holy Word, and to His name be glory and praise.

*After the New Testament Lesson the Apostles' Creed may be said by the Minister and children together, all standing:*

I BELIEVE . . .

*Then shall follow the Prayer of Intercession.*

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty God, who hast taught us to pray not only for ourselves but for all men, hear us as we pray for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

For thy holy Church upon earth; for all ministers and teachers; and for all Thy people, that all who love the Saviour may love Him more truly and serve Him more faithfully:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

For all who do not know the Gospel of Thy love in Jesus Christ, that Thou wouldst gather them into Thy fold:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

For all missionaries, especially those known to us, that they may cause Thy light to shine in the dark places of the earth:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

For our beloved country, for our Queen, and for all who rule over us, that Thou wouldst guide them with Thy wisdom:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

For all whom we love, our parents, our brothers and sisters, and our friends, that Thou wouldst bless them, and protect them from all evil and danger:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

For all who are in sickness, sorrow, and trouble,  
that Thou wouldst comfort and sustain them:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

Hear and accept us in these our prayers, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord and our Redeemer. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*Then a Psalm or Hymn shall be sung, followed by the  
Prayers of Thanksgiving.*

Let us pray.

**O** GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:  
for His mercy endureth for ever.

We thank Thee, O God, for all Thy goodness to  
us and to all men. For the world in which Thou  
hast placed us, with all its wonder and beauty:

*We praise Thee, O God.*

For life and health, for food and clothing, for  
kind friends and happy homes:

*We praise Thee, O God.*

For Thy tender care that guards us always, and  
for all the happiness we now enjoy:

*We praise Thee, O God.*

For those who love us, and for all who have  
shewn us in their lives a good example:

*We praise Thee, O God.*

Most of all, for Jesus Christ Thine only Son our  
Saviour, who came into this world and died for us  
upon the Cross, and who rose again from the dead,  
and is now our Friend in heaven:

*We praise Thee, O God.*

Glory and honour, dominion and power, be unto  
Thee, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, world  
without end. AMEN.

*Then a Hymn shall be sung, and a Sermon shall be preached, followed by prayer.*

*Then the Offerings shall be received, and a Prayer of Dedication offered.*

*When the Offerings have been collected on entering the Church, they shall now be presented and dedicated.*

Let us pray.

FATHER in Heaven, accept the gifts which Thy children bring to Thee, and grant that they may be used for Thy glory and the good of Thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

O GOD who art great and high and holy; fill us with Thy love; and give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may learn to love Thee truly and serve Thee faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, we give all glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

*A Psalm or Hymn shall be sung; and the service closed with the Benediction.*

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.



# SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

## No. II\*

### I

**O** COME, let us worship and bow down:  
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God:

And we are the people of His pasture, and the  
sheep of His hand.

Let us pray.

### *Invocation*

**M**OST merciful Lord, who hast made known to  
us Thy love in Jesus Christ; grant us to know  
that Thou art in the midst of us, and that Thou wilt  
hear the prayers that we offer unto Thee, and the  
praises that we sing to Thy glory; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### *Confession*

**O** FATHER, who dost search and know our  
hearts; we confess the angry words that we  
have spoken, the thoughts of evil that have been in  
our hearts, and the wrong deeds that we have done.

We have been ungrateful for Thy goodness to us,  
and have often disobeyed Thy Word.

We have been selfish, and have not done to  
others what we knew we ought to have done.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and grant us the  
happiness of those whose sin is forgiven; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

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\* The same rubrics apply as in the previous service,  
and, if preferred, the same responses may be used.

*Supplication*

**O** LORD, who helpst all those who look to Thee; be Thou our guide; lead us in Thy truth and teach us:

*Grant us this grace, O Lord.*

Help us to fear to be unfaithful to Thee, and to have no other fear:

*Grant us this grace, O Lord.*

Make us gentle in speech, thoughtful of others, and kind to all Thy creatures:

*Grant us this grace, O Lord.*

Make us loyal to the example of our Lord and Saviour, ready to help others, and strong to do our duty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## II

Let us pray.

*Intercession*

**O** GOD and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we beseech Thee on behalf of all men, that Thou wouldst shed Thy light upon their darkness, and lead them into the way of truth.

For Thy holy Church, for all ministers and teachers, and for all who give service to Thee, that Thou wouldst bless and strengthen them:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

For our Queen and country, and for all in authority, that Thou wouldst help them so to rule that Thy people may dwell together in peace:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

For all in our homes, and for all our companions and friends, that Thou wouldst keep them under the shelter of Thy care, and give them happiness:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

For all in trouble and distress, that Thou wouldst bring back the erring, heal the sick, comfort the sorrowful, and give to all Thy people peace and salvation:

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

These our prayers and intercessions we present unto Thee, O God, in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

### III

Let us pray

*Thanksgiving*

**O** LORD, open Thou our lips, and our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

We praise Thee, O Lord, for all Thy gifts of life and health and strength and joy, and for Thy care over us by night and by day.

For our homes, and for all the joy of loving and of being loved; for doctors and nurses and all who help their fellow men:

*We praise Thee, O God.*

For the love of Jesus Christ Thine only Son, whom Thou didst send to be our Saviour and our Friend, our Teacher and Example:

*We praise Thee, O God.*

For the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and for our baptism and Christian instruction:

*We praise Thee, O God.*

Teach us to shew our thankfulness to Thee for all Thy mercies, by living as Thy children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## IV

Let us pray.

*Dedication*

**M**OST gracious God, bless our gifts, and grant that they may be used to carry Thy Gospel over all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD our heavenly Father, grant Thy blessing on all that we have read and heard this day. Enlighten our minds that we may more and more understand Thy truth, and find in Thy Word a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all glory, world without end. AMEN.

## V

*Benediction*

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

## SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

### No. III

#### I

**T**HIS is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us pray.

#### *Invocation*

**O** GOD, our heavenly Father, who callest us to worship Thee in reverence; help us to remember that we are in Thy presence. Grant us the aid of Thy Spirit, that we may pray to Thee and sing Thy praise with all our heart, and learn the lessons of Thy holy Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

#### *Confession*

**M**OST merciful Father; day by day Thou hast surrounded us with Thy gifts, and we have enjoyed them, but have forgotten that Thou wast the Giver. Thou hast shewn us what Thou wouldst have us do, but we have been disobedient children. Thou hast spoken to us in Thy Word, but we have not listened. Make us truly sorry for our sins. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. AMEN.

#### *Supplication*

**O** GOD, who art always ready to hear and answer Thy children; take away from us all greed and pride, all quarrelling and jealousy. Make us humble, brave, and loving. Teach us the joy that lies in helping one another, and make us ready to do Thy will.

O Christ, our Saviour, so dwell within us that we may go forth with Thy truth on our tongues, and

Thy love in our hearts, that we may be ambassadors for Thee. Be Thou our Captain, our Hero, and our King; for Thine own name's sake. AMEN.

## II

Let us pray.

*Intercession*

**A**LMIGHTY God, we humbly beseech Thee to hear us as we pray for all mankind.

Bless Thy Church throughout the world. Guide all ministers and missionaries so to tell the story of Thy love in Jesus Christ, that all men may learn to know and serve Thee.

We pray for our beloved land, for our Queen, and for all who help to rule our nation and empire.

Bless, we pray Thee, our fathers and mothers, and all dear to us. Protect those in danger, and keep them safe under the shadow of Thy wings.

Have pity on the blind, the deaf, and the dumb; on those who are in sickness, suffering, or sorrow; and on all known to us in any kind of distress. Grant them Thy healing and Thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

## III

Let us pray.

*Thanksgiving*

**O** GOD, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all things beautiful and good which Thou hast made.

For all the joy and happiness of our lives, for the land of our birth, for the homes in which we live, and for our companions and friends:

*We praise Thee, O God.*

For the gifts of wonder and imagination; for the joys of discovery and the constant newness of life: *We praise Thee, O God.*

For the heroes and saints of every age, and for all who have brought Thy light to us:

*We praise Thee, O God.*

For the greatest of all Thy gifts, Jesus Christ, Thy Son:

*We praise Thee, O God.*

That He gave us an example of how we ought to live, that He died for us upon the Cross, and that He rose again from the dead:

*We praise Thee, O God.*

That He is praying for us even now, and is ever near to us:

*We praise Thee, O God.*

Help us to remember all that Thou hast given to us, and to love Thee with all our heart; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise, now and for evermore. AMEN.

#### IV

Let us pray.

##### *Dedication*

O God, our Father, bless these gifts which we make unto Thee, and as Thou hast given to us Thy holy Word bless to us our reading and study of it this day. Grant us grace to see clearly what Thou wouldst have us to do, and enable us so to live from day to day as in all things to please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

#### V

##### *Benediction*

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

### III. THE SACRAMENTS AND ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH





## ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TO INFANTS

*After a Baptismal hymn has been sung, the Minister  
shall say:*

**O**UR help is in the name of the Lord, who made  
heaven and earth.

*And then he shall say:*

**D**EARLY beloved, – Attend to the words of the  
institution of the holy Sacrament of Baptism,  
as delivered by our Lord and Saviour to His dis-  
ciples, after His resurrection and before His ascen-  
sion to the right hand of God:

All power is given unto Me in heaven and in  
earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and  
of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching  
them to observe all things whatsoever I have  
commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always,  
even unto the end of the world.

The Sacrament thus instituted is a sign and seal  
of our ingrafting into Christ; of forgiveness of sins  
by His blood, and regeneration by His Spirit; and  
of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life.  
By this Sacrament we are solemnly admitted into  
His Church, and are engaged to be the Lord's.

Though little children do not understand these  
things, yet is the promise also to them. They are  
heirs of the covenant of grace; and in holy Baptism  
God brings them into the family and household  
of faith, and makes them members of Christ, and  
citizens of the kingdom of heaven.

Consider also what is written in the Gospels:

They brought young children to Jesus, that He should touch them: and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

It is the duty of those who present their children for holy Baptism, to make confession of the faith wherein they are to be baptized, and to promise to bring them up in that faith, and in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

*Then, the Congregation standing, the Minister shall say to those who present the child:*

**I**N presenting this child for Baptism, do you receive the doctrine of the Christian Faith whereof we make confession, saying:

**I**BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you promise, in dependence on Divine grace, to teach *him* the truths and duties of the Christian faith; and by prayer, precept and example, to bring *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in the ways of the Church of God?

*Answer:* I do.

*Alternatively, the Minister may say:*

**I**N presenting this child for Baptism, do you confess your faith in God as your heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you promise, in dependence on Divine grace, to teach *him* the truths and duties of the Christian faith; and by prayer, precept and example, to bring *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in the ways of the Church of God?

*Answer:* I do.

*Then the Minister shall say:*

**T**HE Lord bless you and your *child(ren)*, and give you grace faithfully to perform these promises.

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty and everlasting God, whose blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, hath ordained this holy Sacrament; mercifully look upon us, we beseech Thee, and ratify in heaven that which by His appointment we do upon earth.

Sanctify this water to the spiritual use to which Thou hast ordained it, and grant that this child, now to be baptized therewith, may be born again of water and of the Holy Spirit, and ever remain in

the number of Thy faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** BLESSED Saviour, who didst take little children into Thine arms and bless them; take this child, we beseech Thee, and seal *him* for Thine own: who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.

*Then the Parent, or other Sponsor, shall present the child at the Font (the Congregation standing), and the Minister, calling the child by his Christian name or names, shall pour or sprinkle water on him, saying:*

**N** ..., I BAPTIZE THEE IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

**T**HE blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, descend upon thee, and dwell in thine heart for ever. AMEN.

*Thereafter, the Minister shall say,*

**A**CCORDING to Christ's commandment N... is now received into the membership of the holy Catholic Church, and is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and to be His faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end.

*The Blessing and the Declaration above are repeated for each child that is baptized.*

*Then may be said or sung,*

**T**HE Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. AMEN.

*After which the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of Thine infinite mercy and goodness hast promised that Thou wilt be not only our God, but also the God and Father of our children; we give Thee thanks for this child now received into the fold of Thy Church, and humbly beseech Thee that Thy Spirit may be upon *him*, and dwell in *him* for ever. Keep *him*, we entreat Thee, under Thy fatherly care and protection; guide *him* and sanctify *him* both in body and in soul. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom as in stature, and in favour with God and man. Abundantly enrich *him* with Thy heavenly grace; bring *him* safely through the perils of childhood, deliver *him* from the temptations of youth, and lead *him* in due time to witness a good confession, and to persevere therein to the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son did share, at Nazareth, the life of an earthly home; bless, we beseech Thee, the home of this child, and grant wisdom and understanding to *his* parents and to all who have the care of *him*; that *he* may grow up in Thy constant fear and love; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**S**ANCTIFY to us all, O Lord, the ministration of this holy Sacrament. Forgive us wherein we have come short of the grace of our own Baptism, by wandering from Thy ways; and bring us back with true repentance. Quicken us anew by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may walk in charity, humility, and godliness, as those who have

been baptized by the same Spirit into one body; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

*Or,*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

## ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TO ADULTS

*The Minister shall begin the Service with the words:*

**O**UR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*And then he shall say:*

**D**EARLY beloved, – Attend to the words of the institution of the holy Sacrament of Baptism, as delivered by our Lord and Saviour to His disciples, after His resurrection and before His ascension to the right hand of God:

All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Saint Peter also, on the day of Pentecost, called the people, saying:

Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

This call to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, and to confession thereof in this Sacrament, is addressed to you. Be assured that as you truly profess your faith and are baptized into His name, this Sacrament shall be to you the sign and seal of the



washing away of your sins, of your ingrafting into Christ, of your regeneration by the Holy Spirit, and of your engagement to be the Lord's.

**F**ORASMUCH as you now present yourself for Baptism, it is necessary that you sincerely give answer, before God and His Church, to the questions which I now put to you.

**D**O you receive the doctrine of the Christian faith, whereof we make confession, saying:

**I**BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting?

*Answer: I do.*

Do you repent of your sins with a humble and contrite heart, and put your trust in the mercy of God which is in Christ Jesus?

*Answer: I do.*

Do you promise to make diligent use of the means of grace, and to be a faithful member of the Church of God?

*Answer: I do.*

*Alternatively, the Minister may say:*

**D**O you confess your faith in God as your heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you repent of your sins with a humble and contrite heart, and put your trust in the mercy of God which is in Christ Jesus?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you promise to make diligent use of the means of grace, and to be a faithful member of the Church of God?

*Answer:* I do.

*Then the Minister shall say:*

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty and everlasting God, whose blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, hath ordained this holy Sacrament; mercifully look upon us, we beseech Thee, who are met together in His name, and ratify in heaven that which, by His appointment, we do upon earth.

Graciously accept Thy Servant, we pray Thee, that *he*, coming to Thee in Baptism, may receive remission of sins, and being born again of water and of the Holy Spirit, may die unto sin and live unto righteousness.

Sanctify this water to the spiritual use to which Thou hast ordained it, and grant that Thy *servant*, now to be baptized therewith, may receive the fullness of Thy grace, and ever remain in the number of Thy faithful people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Then the person to be baptized shall kneel, and the Minister shall sprinkle water on him, saying:*

**N** ... , I BAPTIZE THEE IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

**T**HE Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. AMEN.

**A**CCORDING to Christ's commandment *N*... is now received into the membership of the Church, and is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and to be His faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, we thank Thee for thy great goodness in receiving this Thy servant into Thy Church in this holy Sacrament. Bless *him*, and pour out upon *him* Thy Holy Spirit. Bestow upon *him* the manifold gifts of Thy grace; and grant that *he*, being now ingrafted into Christ, may receive out of His fullness and evermore abide in Him. Defend *him* against temptation, and arm *him* to fight the good fight of faith. Grant that Thy strength may be made perfect in *his* weakness, and keep *him* steadfast in Thy love and service to the end.

Sanctify to us all the ministration of this holy Sacrament. Forgive us wherein we have come short of the grace of our own Baptism, by wandering from Thy ways, and bring us back with a perfect repentance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*Here an Exhortation may be given.*

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

*Or,*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

*Note. Persons baptized when adults should be informed that in the Service of Confirmation of Baptised persons and Admission to the Lord's Supper there are expressions which do not apply to them.*

## ORDER FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISED PERSONS AND FOR THEIR ADMISSION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

*The Minister addressing the Congregation shall say:*

**D**EARLY beloved, – We are about to admit to the Confirmation of their Baptism, and to participation in the Lord's Supper, these persons about to be named. They have already been under special instruction in the teaching of the Church, and are now ready to profess publicly the faith into which they were baptized.

*Then he shall read their names, and, addressing them as they stand before the Holy Tale, he shall say:*

**B**ELOVED in the Lord, – In the days of your infancy you were by holy Baptism ingrafted into the Lord Jesus Christ as members of His Church, and engaged to be His. God in His mercy has brought you to years of responsibility, and you have now come to acknowledge before God and His Church the covenant then made on your behalf, to profess your faith in the Lord Jesus, to consecrate yourselves to Him, and thereby to bind yourselves anew to His service.

Our Lord Jesus Christ hath said, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven.

I charge you, therefore, to make confession of your faith, and to answer with all sincerity, and as in the presence of God, the questions which I now put to you.

*Then, the Congregation standing, the Minister shall say,*

**D**O you receive the doctrine of the Christian faith, whereof we make confession, saying,

**I** believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you promise, in dependence on Divine grace, to serve the Lord and to walk in His ways all the days of your life?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you promise to make diligent use of the means of grace, to share dutifully in the worship and service of the Church, and to give of your substance, as the Lord may prosper you, for the advancement of His kingdom throughout the world?

*Answer:* I do.

*Alternatively, the Minister may say:*

**D**O you confess your faith in God as your heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your

Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you promise, in dependence on Divine grace, to serve the Lord and to walk in His ways all the days of your life?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you promise to make diligent use of the means of grace, to share dutifully in the worship and service of the Church, and to give of your substance, as the Lord may prosper you, for the advancement of His kingdom throughout the world?

*Answer:* I do.

*Then the Minister shall say:*

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty and ever-living God, strengthen these Thy servants, we beseech Thee, with the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, and daily increase in them Thy manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and keep them in Thy mercy unto life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Then, the Congregation meanwhile standing, the Minister (raising his hand in blessing over the candidates, or laying his hand on the head of each as they kneel before him) shall say:*

**T**HE God of all grace, who hath called you to His eternal glory, confirm you to the end,

that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*After which the Minister shall say to the candidates together:*

**G**OD the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you, now and for evermore. AMEN.

**F**ORASMUCH as you have made confession of your faith, I do now, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great King and Head of the Church, admit you to the fellowship of the Lord's Table.

*Then may be said or sung:*

THE Lord bless thee...

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast founded Thy Church upon earth, and hast promised to preserve it to the end; we thank Thee for Thy great mercy to these Thy children, and to Thy Church, to which Thou hast given the joy of receiving them into full communion. We thank Thee that by holy Baptism they have been incorporated into the body of Christ. We thank Thee for their Christian training, and for every good influence in their lives; and that Thou hast granted to them the assurance of Thy blessing and favour.

Forgive, we beseech Thee, all their sins; and graciously accept them as now they dedicate themselves to Thee. When they approach Thy Holy Table to receive the Communion of the body and blood of Christ, grant them to behold the vision of His love and to be made partakers of His grace. Defend them, O Lord, with Thy heavenly grace,



that they may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come unto Thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and dominion, world without end. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*The Minister, together with representatives of the Kirk-Session, may then give the right hand of welcome to the newly-received communicants; or, this may be done after the service has ended. He may also say these, or like words:*

**B**ELOVED in the Lord, now received into all the privileges of membership in the Church of Christ; consider well that you are indeed fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone; in whom also ye are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.

Jesus said; If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

To him that overcometh will I give to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.

*Then shall be sung a suitable Psalm or Hymn, and the Service shall end with the Benediction.*

## ORDER FOR A SERVICE OF PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION

*The service shall begin with the singing of a suitable Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn, after which the Minister shall say one or both of the following sentences:*

**W**HEREWITH shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? He hath showed me, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Let us pray.

### *Approach*

**A**Lmighty God, who hast revealed Thine infinite love to us in Thine only Son our Saviour; we worship Thee with humble and penitent hearts, trusting in Thy grace and seeking the fullness of Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### *Confession*

**I**F we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We acknowledge our many faults, our broken vows, the hardness of our hearts, the weakness of our faith, and the poverty of our service.

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy

lovingkindness; according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold us with Thy free Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Supplication*

**M**OST gracious Father, who callest us to the Holy Table of our Saviour, to show His death and to receive His gift of life; enable us to come with earnest faith and kindled devotion. Help us to make the memorial of our Saviour's sacrifice with adoration and praise. Open our eyes to behold the vision of His love, and pour into our souls the fullness of His grace. And grant that, yielding ourselves to Thee, we may henceforth live as those who are not their own, but are bought with a price; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. AMEN.

*Lesson from the Old Testament*

*Praise*

*Lesson from the New Testament*

Let us pray.

*Thanksgiving*

**A**Lmighty and everlasting God, our heavenly Father; we praise Thee for Thy goodness to us and to all men: for Thy faithfulness which is from one generation to another, for Thy mercies which are more than we can number, and for Thy fatherly hand ever upon us, in health and sickness, in joy and sorrow, in life and death.

Above all, with Thy whole Church throughout the world, we adore Thee for Thy love in the redemption of mankind by our Lord Jesus Christ; through whom we humbly offer unto Thee our most hearty thanks and praise. We bless Thee for the descent of the Holy Spirit; for Thy Church filled with His presence; for our baptism and nurture in the faith; and for the great hope of everlasting life. Especially at this time do we praise Thee for the Sacrament wherein Thou dost feed our souls with the bread of life.

For all these things, glory be to Thee, Lord God Almighty; blessed be Thy name, for ever and ever. AMEN.

#### *Intercession*

**E**TERNAL Father, who art good to all, and whose tender mercies are over all Thy works; hear us as we pray for all mankind.

We pray for Thy whole Church, that Thou wouldst enrich it with Thy grace. Send forth over all the earth the knowledge of Thy Gospel, and shed Thy light on every land.

We pray for this parish and congregation, that Thou wouldst fill the hearts of Thy people with love and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ. Prepare them to receive His gifts at the Holy Table; and increase in them faith, hope and charity.

[We pray for those who come for the first time to the Holy Table, that they may be true to their Lord and Saviour, and continue steadfast in His love and fellowship. Suffer them never to fall away from Him; but grant that, abiding as branches in the true vine, they may bring forth fruit to Thy glory.]

Bless all nations with peace, we beseech Thee, and guide by Thy Spirit all who rule therein. Give grace to Thy servant, our Sovereign the Queen, and all who, under her, bear authority over us. Be favourable to our land and empire; defend our liberties; and grant that we may increase in that righteousness which alone exalteth a nation.

We pray for all who are in sickness, sorrow and distress; for the aged, the suffering, and the dying; and for those whom we remember before Thee in our hearts. . . . . that Thou wouldst visit them with Thy healing and consolation, and grant them Thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving for the faithful departed*

**E**TERNAL God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord; we thank Thee for all the faithful who have found their rest in Thee. Especially do we remember before Thee, with grateful hearts, those dear to our own souls who once sat with us at Thy Holy Table, but who have now entered into Thy nearer presence. Grant that their example and memory may inspire us to a better life; that when, for us, the night cometh when no man can work, we may be counted worthy to dwell with them, in the blessed home of everlasting light and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*Praise*

Let us pray.

*Illumination*

**G**IVE unto us, O Lord, we pray Thee, humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what Thou hast revealed, and do alway what Thou hast commanded; and as man liveth not by bread alone, but by every word of God, grant that we may ever hunger after this heavenly food, and find in it our daily provision on the way to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Sermon*

*Offerings*

*If no Order for the Confirmation of Baptized persons and for their Admission to the Lord's Supper follows, a Prayer for Grace shall be offered.*

Let us pray.

*Dedication*

**M**OST gracious God, who art at this time calling us to prepare ourselves for coming to Thy Holy Table; grant us the assurance of Thy pardoning love, and give us grace from the heart freely to forgive one another. Accept us as we dedicate ourselves unto Thee; and grant that, feeding on Christ by faith, we may be strengthened by Thy Holy Spirit, and enabled to live in Thy fellowship, now and for evermore. AMEN.

*Praise*

*Benediction*

**N**OW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

*Or,*

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

## ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION

*The Congregation being assembled, the Minister shall solemnly call them to worship, saying:*

Let us worship God.

*And the service shall begin with a Psalm or Hymn (such as Psalm xliii. 3-5).*

*Then shall be said a Call to Prayer in words of Holy Scripture, such as:\**

**W**HAT shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward us? We will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. We will pay our vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*\* For sentences suitable to the seasons of the Christian Year, see pp. 323-5.*

*Note.* For Form and Order for Celebration in Courts of the Church, see 'Ordinal and Service Book for use in Courts of the Church'.



**E**TERNAL God, our heavenly Father, who admittest Thy people into such wonderful communion that, partaking by a divine mystery of the body and blood of Thy dear Son, they should dwell in Him, and He in them; we unworthy sinners, approaching Thy presence and beholding Thy glory, do repent us of our transgressions. We have sinned, we have grievously sinned against Thee, in thought, word, and deed. We have broken our past vows, and have dishonoured Thy holy name.

Yet now, most merciful Father, have mercy upon us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us all our sins; deliver us, by Thy Holy Spirit, from all uncleanness in spirit and in flesh; and enable us heartily to forgive others, as we beseech Thee to forgive us, and to serve Thee henceforth in newness of life, to the glory of Thy holy name. AMEN.

**O** GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. AMEN.

*Then shall be sung a Cantic, Psalm, or Hymn.*

*Then a Lesson from the Old Testament shall be read; after which a Psalm, such as Psalm cxvi, in the prose version of the Psalter, shall be sung or read, ending with the Gloria; or a metrical Psalm, such as Psalm cxvi. 13-19, shall be sung.*

*Then Lessons from the New Testament (Epistle and Gospel) shall be read.*

*Before each Lesson the words shall be used:*

Hear the Word of God, as it is written in . . . .  
the . . . . . chapter, at the . . . . . verse.

*And at the end of each:*

The Lord bless to us the reading of His holy Word, and to His name be glory and praise.

*After the Gospel may be said the Nicene Creed,\* and the Intercessory Prayer shall follow.*

**I** BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together

*\* Or, the Creed may be said as part of the following prayer, thus: Hear us, O Lord, as, with Thy whole Church, we make confession of our faith: We believe . . . . ; or, it may be said after the bringing in of the elements.*

is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets. And I believe one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. AMEN.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; we Thy children, gathered at Thy Holy Table, remember before Thee all with whom we have part in the communion of Thy saints, and we beseech Thee to hear our humble intercessions.

We pray for Thy Church, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. Increase and sanctify her more and more; reveal Thy glory among the nations; and hasten the victory of Thine eternal kingdom.

We pray for this parish and congregation, that Thou wouldst be pleased to pour out the riches of Thy grace upon this people.

[We pray for all those who come to Thy Table for the first time, beseeching Thee to perfect the good work Thou hast begun in them, and to keep them ever faithful to Thee.]

We pray for our country, for Thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the members of the Royal Family. Guide and sustain those who rule and defend us, and establish our nation in righteousness.

Give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and keep us from war, pestilence, and famine.

Remember in Thy mercy, O Lord, the sick and the suffering, the aged and the dying, all who are

in trouble and bereavement, especially those known to us, whom we name in our hearts before Thee . . . Visit them with Thy love and consolation, and grant them Thy peace.

We pray for our own loved ones, whether at home, or absent from us, upon the sea . . . or in far-off lands... that Thy presence may be their strength and stay. Bless them, and keep them, and cause Thy face to shine upon them. AMEN.

**E**TERNAL God, with whom are the issues of life; we give Thee thanks for all Thy saints who, having in this life witnessed a good confession, have left the light of their example to shine before Thy people; especially those beloved by us who are now with Thee. Bring us into communion with them here in Thy holy presence; and enable us so to follow them in all godly living, that hereafter we may with them behold Thy face in glory, and in the heavenly places be one with them for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. AMEN.

*Then shall be sung a Psalm or Hymn.*

*Here the Banns of Marriage may be proclaimed, and Intimations made.*

*Before the Sermon this or other Prayer for illumination shall be offered.*

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty God, with whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of Thy law; and draw us with the cords of everlasting love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*The Sermon shall then be preached, ending with the following or other Ascription.*

UNTO Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. AMEN.

*The Offerings shall be given, during which the Minister shall go to the Holy Table.*

*Then shall the Minister give an Invitation in words of Holy Scripture:*

BELoved in the Lord, draw near to the Holy Table, and hear the gracious words of the Lord Jesus Christ:

Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger: and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst... Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

*Then shall be sung Psalm xxiv. 7-10, Para. xxxv, Hymn 320, or other suitable Psalm or Hymn.*

*During the singing the elements of bread and wine shall be brought into the church and laid on the Holy Table.*

*Thereafter the Creed, if not already used, may be said.*

*Thereafter the Minister shall unveil the elements, and may offer these prayers:*

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who by the blood of Thy dear Son hast consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest of all; grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the assurance of Thy mercy, and sanctify us by Thy heavenly grace; that we, approaching Thee with pure heart and cleansed conscience, may offer unto Thee a sacrifice in righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A** LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we offer unto Thee this bread and this cup; for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own do we give Thee. Blessed be Thy holy name for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all glory, world without end. AMEN.

*Then shall the Minister say:*

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH  
YOU ALL.

**B**ELOVED in the Lord, attend to the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they are delivered by Saint Paul.

I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.

**T**HEREFORE, that we may fulfil His institution in righteousness and joy, let us follow his blessed example in word and action: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

As the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, I take these elements of bread and wine to be set apart from all common uses to this holy use and mystery; and as He gave thanks and blessed, let us draw nigh to God, and present unto Him our prayers and thanksgivings.

**T**HE Lord be with you:  
*And with thy spirit.*

Lift up your hearts;  
*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;  
*It is meet and right so to do.*

**I**T is verily meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God; who didst create the heavens and the earth and all that is therein; who didst make man in Thine own image and whose tender mercies are over all Thy works.\*

**T**HEE, mighty God, heavenly King, we magnify and praise. With angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we worship and adore Thy glorious name; evermore praising Thee, and saying:

*\* Here may be added the Proper Preface according to the season of the Christian Year (see pp. 326-7).*

**H**OLY, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

**B**LESSED is He that cometh in the name of the  
Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.

**V**ERILY holy, verily blessed, art Thou, Almighty  
and Merciful God, who didst so love the world  
that Thou gavest Thine only-begotten Son, that  
whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but  
have everlasting life.

Not as we ought, but as we are able, do we bless  
Thee for His holy incarnation, for His perfect life on  
earth, for His precious sufferings and death upon  
the Cross, for His glorious resurrection and ascen-  
sion, for His continual intercession and rule at  
Thy right hand, for the promise of His coming  
again, and for His gift of the Holy Spirit.

**W**HEREFORE, having in remembrance the  
work and passion of our Saviour Christ, and  
pleading His eternal sacrifice, we Thy servants do  
set forth this memorial, which He hath commanded  
us to make; and we most humbly beseech Thee to  
send down Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify both us  
and these Thine own gifts of bread and wine which  
we set before Thee, that the bread which we break  
may be the Communion of the body of Christ, and  
the cup of blessing which we bless the Communion  
of the blood of Christ; that we, receiving them, may  
by faith be made partakers of His body and blood,  
with all His benefits, to our spiritual nourishment  
and growth in grace, and to the glory of Thy most  
holy name.



**A**ND here we offer and present unto Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; and we beseech Thee mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as, in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and on earth, we pray Thee to fulfil in us, and in all men, the purpose of Thy redeeming love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

**A**ND now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we humbly pray, saying:

OUR Father . . .

*Then the Minister shall say:*

**A**CCORDING to the holy institution, example, and command of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for a memorial of Him, we do this: who, the same night in which He was betrayed, **TOOK BREAD**

*(here the Minister shall take the bread into his hands),*

and when He had blessed, and given thanks, **HE BRAKE IT**

*(here he shall break the bread),*

and said,

**TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU: THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.**

After the same manner also, **HE TOOK THE CUP**

*(here he shall raise the cup),*

saying:

**THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD: THIS DO YE, AS OFT AS YE DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.**

**L**AMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

*Then the Minister shall himself partake in both kinds, and, in giving the bread, he shall say:*

**T**AKE ye, eat ye; this is the body of Christ which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Him.

*And in giving the cup:*

**T**HIS cup is the new covenant in the blood of Christ, which is shed for many unto remission of sins: drink ye all of it.

*When all have received, and the bread and wine have been replaced on the Holy Table and covered, the Minister shall say:*

THE PEACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH  
YOU ALL.

*Then he shall call the People to thanksgiving, saying:*

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank Thee that in Thy great love Thou dost vouchsafe to feed us at Thy Table with this spiritual food, and dost thereby assure us of Thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of Thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people, and are also heirs through hope of Thy everlasting kingdom. And we most humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may continue in this holy fellowship, and live

henceforth to Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**ND rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank and praise Thee for all Thy servants who have departed in the faith; the great cloud of witnesses by which we are compassed about; all Thy saints in every age who have loved Thee in life and continued faithful unto death; especially those dear to our own hearts . . . Give us grace to follow them as they followed Christ; and bring us with them, at the last, to those things which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, and is worshipped and glorified, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, world without end. AMEN.

*Or,*

**A**Lmighty God, we praise and bless Thy holy name for Thy great and wonderful goodness unto us in permitting us to shew the death of our Redeemer, and to receive through His blessed Sacrament the communion of His body and His blood. Wherefore, we humbly beseech Thee to enable us to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again. And because at best we cannot worthily praise Thee, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the offering of Thy only begotten Son, made once for all upon the Cross, may be accepted on our behalf, in expiation for all our sins, and in thanksgiving for all mercies vouchsafed through the glorious riches of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

And rejoicing . . .

*Or*

**H**EAVENLY Father, we give Thee thanks and praise that upon us, who are unworthy, Thou dost confer so rich a benefit as to bring us into the fellowship of Thy Son Jesus Christ: whom Thou didst deliver up unto death, and dost give for the nourishment of our souls unto life eternal. Now also grant us grace that we, never being unmindful of these things, but having them engraven upon our hearts, may advance and grow in that faith from which all good works proceed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And rejoicing...

*Then shall be sung Psalm ciii. 1-5, Para. lx, or other Psalm or Hymn of Praise.*

*Thereafter the Minister shall pronounce the Benediction.*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

*As the elements are being removed from the church,  
Nunc dimittis (Hymn 716) or Para. xxxviii. 8, 10,  
11 may be sung.*

# SHORTER ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION

FOR USE AT A SECOND SERVICE OR OTHER SUITABLE TIME

*The Congregation being assembled, the Minister shall solemnly call them to worship, saying:*

Let us worship God.

*And the service shall begin with a Psalm or Hymn (such as Psalm xliii. 3-5).*

*Then shall be said a Call to Prayer in words of Holy Scripture, such as:\**

**B**LESSED are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD Most High, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; we confess that we have broken Thy commandments; we have sinned by

*\* For sentences suitable to the seasons of the Christian Year, see pp. 323-5.*

selfishness and worldliness, by unbelief and pride; we have not walked humbly with Thee, or loved our neighbour as ourselves.

Yet now have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Give us the humble and contrite heart which Thou dost not despise; and enable us to forgive others, as Thou forgivest us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise for evermore. AMEN.

*Then a be read short lessons from Holy Scripture, such as Isaiah liii. 1-6; Ephesians iii. 14-21; St. John vi. 47-51.*

*The Apostles' Creed may then be said:*

**I** BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic

Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. AMEN.

*Then the Sermon, if any, shall be preached; after which Paraphrase xxxv or other Communion Hymn may be sung, during which the bread and wine shall be placed upon the Holy Table.*

*Then shall the Minister say:*

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH  
YOU ALL.

**B**ELOVED in the Lord, attend to the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they are delivered by Saint Paul:

I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.

*[In cases where the Order for a Second Table is used the form on p.132 shall take the place of what follows here until the end of the Communion.]*

Therefore that we may fulfil this institution in righteousness and joy, let us follow his blessed example in word and action: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

As the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He

was betrayed, took bread, I take these elements of bread and wine to be set apart from all common uses to this holy use and mystery; and as He gave thanks and blessed, let us draw nigh to God, and present unto Him our prayers and thanksgivings.

**L**IFT up your hearts;  
*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;  
*It is meet and right so to do.*

**I**T is verily meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, for the majesty of Thy glory and the wonder of Thy works, and for all Thy bounties known and unknown.\*

**T**HEE, mighty God, heavenly King, we magnify and praise. With all the hosts of heaven we worship and adore Thy glorious name; evermore praising Thee, and saying:

**H**OLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

**B**LESSED is He that cometh in the name of the Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.

**V**ERILY holy, verily blessed, art Thou, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that Thou of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son, Jesus Christ, who, being Very and Eternal God, came down from heaven in perfect love, and became Man for us men and for our salvation.

Not as we ought, but as we are able, we bless

*\* For Proper Prefaces, see pp. 326-7.*



Thee for His holy incarnation, for His perfect life on earth, for His precious sufferings and death upon the Cross, for His glorious resurrection and ascension, for His intercession and rule at Thy right hand, for the promise of His coming again, and for His gift of the Holy Spirit.

**A**ND we most humbly beseech Thee, merciful Father, look upon us, as we do now make the Memorial of Thy Son's most blessed sacrifice; and send down Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify both us and these Thine own gifts of bread and wine which we set before Thee, that the bread which we break may be the Communion of the body of Christ, and the cup which we bless the Communion of the blood of Christ; that we, receiving them, may by faith be made partakers of His body and blood, with all His benefits, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

**O** GOD, we beseech Thee mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and, for the sake of the offering made once for all upon the Cross, grant unto us and to all Thy people the fullness of Thy redeeming love. And here we offer and present to Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**R**EMEMBER, O Lord, Thy holy Church throughout the world, and reveal Thy glory among all nations. Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance; feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

Remember, O Lord, our kindred and friends; and encompass them with Thy lovingkindness and tender mercy.

Remember, O Lord, the sick and the suffering, the aged and the dying, and all who are in loneliness, sorrow, or bereavement; and those whom we name in silence before Thee... Visit them with Thy love and consolation, and grant them Thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

AND rejoicing in the communion of saints, we remember with thanksgiving before Thee, O Lord, all Thy faithful servants, and those dear to us, who are at rest in Thee... Keep us in unbroken fellowship with Thy whole Church in heaven and on earth, and grant us at last to rejoice together in Thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, and is worshipped and glorified, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, world without end. AMEN.

AND now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, hear us as in His name and words we further pray, saying:

OUR Father . . .

*Then the Minister shall say:*

ACCORDING to the holy institution, example, and command of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for a memorial of Him, we do this: who, the same night in which He was betrayed, TOOK BREAD

*(here the Minister shall take the bread into his hands),*  
and when He had blessed, and given thanks, HE  
BROKE IT

*(here he shall break the bread),*

and said,

TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS BROKEN  
FOR YOU: THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

After the same manner also, HE TOOK THE CUP

*(here he shall raise the cup),*

saying:

THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD:  
THIS DO YE, AS OFT AS YE DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE  
OF ME.

*Then the Minister shall himself partake in both kinds,  
and, in giving the bread, he shall say:*

**T**AKE ye, eat ye; this is the body of Christ  
which is broken for you: this do in remem-  
brance of Him.

*And in giving the cup:*

**T**HIS cup is the new covenant in the blood of  
Christ, which is shed for many unto remission  
of sins: drink ye all of it.

*When all have received, and the bread and wine have  
been replaced on the Holy Table and covered, the  
Minister shall say:*

THE PEACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH  
YOU ALL.

Let us pray.

**O** LORD God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
we render to Thee all glory, thanks, and praise  
for Thy great goodness, in that Thou hast per-  
mitted us to make this memorial of Thy Son our  
Saviour and His sacrifice upon the Cross; and hast  
received us into communion with Him and with all  
who love Him; and hast fed us at Thy Table with  
this spiritual food. And we most humbly beseech  
Thee so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may  
continue in this holy fellowship, and live hence-  
forth to Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with Thee, O Father and the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise, world without end. AMEN.

*Then shall be sung Psalm ciii. 1-5, or other suitable Psalm or Hymn.*

*Thereafter the Minister shall pronounce the benediction:*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

## ORDER WHICH MAY BE USED AT A SECOND TABLE

*In some parishes it has been customary to have a second Table at a later hour, when the communicants receive the elements already consecrated. In such cases the service may follow the preceding order until after the words of institution (p. 126, printed version) have been read, when the following may be said:*

**B**ELOVED in the Lord; you see before you, on the Holy Table, the bread and wine which have already this day been set apart from all common uses unto this holy use and mystery; which have been sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, to be to us the Communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and the memorial of His most blessed sacrifice, once for all offered on our behalf. It is now your privilege to partake of the same Communion, that, receiving these holy gifts, you may be nourished unto everlasting life.

**H**EAR, then, the gracious words of the Lord Jesus Christ:

Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they will be filled.

**Y**E that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and are resolved to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; draw near with faith, and take this Sacrament to your comfort and growth in grace.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who by Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death for our redemption; who upon the Cross, by His own oblation of Himself, made a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel did command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of His precious death and sacrifice, until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, and of Thine almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless with Thy Holy Spirit us Thy servants here before Thee. And grant that we, receiving these Thy gifts of bread and wine, according to His holy institution, and in commemoration of His passion and death, may be made partakers of all His benefits. So sanctify us, we beseech Thee, in spirit, soul, and body, that we may become holy, living, and acceptable sacrifices unto Thee. And we earnestly pray Thee, of Thy fatherly goodness, to be favourable to us sinners, that we may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with Christ, that He may evermore dwell in us, and we in Him. And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we humbly pray, saying,

OUR Father...

*The service shall then continue and conclude according to the Shorter Order, pp. 130-1.*

## ALTERNATIVE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRA- MENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION

*The service shall begin with the singing of a suitable Psalm or Hymn.*

*Then shall be said a Call to Prayer in words of Holy Scripture, such as:\**

**G**OD so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hast redeemed us in Jesus Christ, and dost sanctify us by Thy Holy Spirit; purify us from every evil thought and desire, that we may know the nearness of Thy presence, and be brought, with all Thy faithful people, into communion with our Saviour. AMEN.

**F**ATHER in heaven, we confess that we have sinned against Thee and against our neighbour. We have called evil good, and good evil; we have walked in darkness rather than in light; we have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. Have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee.

Grant us forgiveness of our sins, and remember not against us our offences. Cleanse us by Thy

*\* For opening sentences suitable to the seasons of the Christian Year, see pp. 323-5.*

Holy Spirit, and aid us by Thy heavenly grace, that we may approach Thy Holy Table with quickened conscience and hearts made pure, and receive Thy gifts without sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life; we pray Thee suffer us not to stray from Thee, who art the way, nor to distrust Thee, who art the truth, nor to rest in aught but Thee, who art the life. Teach us by Thy Holy Spirit what to believe, what to do, and wherein to take our rest.

This we ask for Thine own name's sake. AMEN.

*Then shall be read a Lesson from the Old Testament.*

*Then shall be sung a suitable Psalm or Hymn.*

*Then shall be read a Lesson, or Lessons, from the New Testament, after which the Creed may be said.*

Let us pray.

**O** LORD our God, who knowest all Thy children, so that none are hidden from Thy care; grant us, we beseech Thee, the spirit of Thy compassion, as we remember before Thee our brethren of mankind.

We pray for Thy holy Church Universal; increase and sanctify it more and more, and hasten the coming of Thy kingdom throughout the world.

We pray for all who minister in holy things, that as they break the bread of life to others, their own souls may be nourished and sustained; and for all Thy people, that they may walk worthy of their high calling, and keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.



We pray for our Queen and all who rule over us, that they may exercise their power as ministers of Thy justice and mercy; and for all the nations, that harmony and peace may everywhere prevail.

We pray for all in sickness and distress, that Thou wouldst give strength to the weary, aid to the sufferers, comfort to the sad, and help to all in tribulation.

We pray for those who wander from Thy ways and are in bondage to things that perish, that they may come to themselves, and, turning unto Thee, may receive the loving welcome of Thy forgiveness.

We pray for all who do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee, their God, that they may not be weary in well-doing, and may find their reward in knowing that they do Thy will.

We pray for all men and women in the manifold walks of life, that they may worthily serve their day and generation, and bring nearer among men the great day of Thy kingdom.

[We pray for all those who come to Thy Table for the first time, beseeching Thee to perfect the good work Thou hast begun in them, and to keep them ever faithful to Thee.]

We pray for all our loved ones, whom now we name in the silence of our hearts before Thee . . . Be very gracious to those who are far from home, that they may be kept by Thee in peace and safety, and that they and we, being now united in communion with the same Spirit, may hereafter be gathered together into the bosom of Thine eternal love.

Almighty Father, hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and when Thou hearest forgive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee, the

Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all glory, world without end. AMEN.

*Then shall be sung a suitable Psalm or Hymn, and thereafter may be said the following Prayer:*

QUICKEN, O God, our understanding and kindle our hearts, that we may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*The Sermon shall then be preached, ending with the following or other Ascription.*

NOW unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us: unto Him be glory in the Church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. AMEN.

*The Offerings shall then be given, during which the Minister shall go to the Holy Table.*

*The Offerings having been received, the Minister may say:*

THE Table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are in communion with the Church Universal. We therefore invite members of any branch thereof who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, to join with us in this holy fellowship.

*Then shall be sung a suitable Psalm or Hymn, during which the elements of bread and wine shall be brought into the church, and laid on the Holy Table.*

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**D**EARLY beloved, it is meet that we remember that this Sacrament is a memorial of the sacrifice of Christ for the sins of men, a means of grace to those who believe in Him, and a bond and pledge of their union with Him, and with each other as members of His mystical body.

Therefore it is necessary that we come with knowledge, faith, repentance, and love; not holding fellowship with evil, or cherishing pride or self-righteousness, but, conscious of our weakness and in sorrow for our sins, humbly putting our trust in Christ, and seeking His grace.

**D**RAW near then, to the Holy Table, and hear the gracious words of the Lord Jesus Christ:

Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.

*The Minister shall then say:*

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH YOU ALL.

**B**ELOVED in the Lord, attend to the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they are delivered by Saint Paul:

I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.

**T**HEREFORE, that we may fulfil His institution in righteousness and joy, let us follow his blessed example in word and action: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

**A**S the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and wine, I take these elements, to be set apart to the holy use for which He has appointed them. And as He gave thanks and blessed, let us draw near to the throne of grace, and present to God our prayers and thanksgivings.

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, our heavenly Father, we, Thine unworthy children, praise and bless Thy holy name for the majesty of Thy glory, and for the wonder of Thy works. With all Thy faithful people in heaven and on earth, we praise and adore Thee, saying:

**H**OLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

Above all do we bless Thee that Thou hast come down to this world in Jesus Christ our Lord, who was made man for us men and for our salvation. With those who hailed Him in the days of His flesh we cry:

**B**LESSED is He that cometh in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Not as we ought, but as we are able, we thank Thee for His life of lowliness, His perfect obedience, His death upon the Cross, His resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven, and His continual intercession for His people.

What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward us? We will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. We will pay our vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people. We will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon Thy name.

**S**END down Thy Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee, to sanctify both us and Thine own gifts of bread and wine which we set apart to this sacred use; that the bread which we break may be to us the communion of the body of Christ, and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of the blood of Christ, that we, through faith, may be partakers of His body and blood, with all His benefits, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

O God, as now we make memorial of Him in this Sacrament of His appointing, in fellowship with Thy Church in heaven and on earth we render unto Thee our thanksgiving, and offer ourselves a living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us when we pray to say:

OUR Father...

*Then the Minister shall say:*

**A**CCORDING to the holy institution, example, and command of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for a memorial of Him, we do this: who, the same night in which He was betrayed, TOOK BREAD

*(here the Minister shall take the bread into his hands),*

and when He had blessed, and given thanks, HE  
BROKE IT

*(here he shall break the bread),*

And said,

TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS BROKEN  
FOR YOU: THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

After the same manner also, HE TOOK THE CUP

*(here he shall raise the cup),*

saying:

THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD:  
THIS DO YE, AS OFT AS YE DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE  
OF ME.

**L**AMB of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world, grant us Thy peace.

*Then the Minister shall himself partake in both kinds,  
and, in giving the bread, he shall say:*

**T**AKE ye, eat ye; this is the body of Christ which  
is broken for you: this do in remembrance of  
Him.

*And in giving the cup:*

**T**HIS cup is the new covenant in the blood of Christ, which is shed for many unto remission of sins: drink ye all of it.

*When all have received, and the bread and wine have been replaced on the Holy Table and covered, he shall say:*

THE PEACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH  
YOU ALL.

*Then he shall call the People to thanksgiving, saying:*  
Let us pray.

**O** LORD our God, we bless Thee for Thy great goodness to us at Thy Holy Table. Give us grace that we be not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but serve Thee more faithfully day by day.

We remember before Thee Thy whole Church, beseeching Thee to give to Thy people everywhere more abundant faith and hope and charity. Deepen our love for Thee; increase our knowledge of Thy truth; that, quickened and guided by Thy Holy Spirit, we may be cleansed from sin and saved unto righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eternal God, we thank Thee for all whom Thou hast taken to Thyself, all prophets and martyrs, saints and holy ones of every age. Especially do we remember those whom we love, who serve Thee now in Thy nearer presence... Keep us worthy of all the blessed departed who live with Thee, and let the same mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus, that we may daily deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Him.

Grant this, O Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. AMEN.

*Then shall be sung Psalm ciii. 1-5, or other suitable Psalm or Hymn.*

*Thereafter the Minister shall pronounce the Benediction.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. AMEN.



# SHORT ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION

FOR USE AFTER AN ORDINARY SERVICE, A MARRIAGE SERVICE, OR WHEN SICKNESS OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCE MAKES IT DESIRABLE TO USE A SHORTENED FORM.

*The elements having been prepared and placed upon the Table, the Minister shall say:*

**W**HAT shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward us? We will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and are not worthy to be called Thy children. Have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee. Cleanse us by Thy grace, that we may without sin compass Thine altar, and find in Thee our exceeding joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Then may be said the following (or other) portion of Holy Scripture:*

*Prophecy:* All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

*Epistle:* I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.

*Gospel:* Jesus said: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

*Or,*

Then Jesus said to them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My

flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

*Then the Minister shall say:*

The Lord bless to us the reading of His holy Word, and to His name be glory and praise.

**L**IFT up your hearts.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Let us pray.

**I**T is meet and right that we should give thanks unto Thee, O God, for the bounties of Thy providence and the riches of Thy grace; above all, for Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our redemption did take our nature upon Him, suffered death upon the Cross, and rose again in triumph.

We beseech Thee to bless and sanctify by Thy Word and Spirit these Thine own gifts of bread and wine which we set before Thee, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

And here, in fellowship with Thy whole Church in heaven and on earth, we offer ourselves to be a living sacrifice unto Thee, beseeching Thee that, as Thou dost feed our souls at Thy Table, so we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; in whose prevailing name and words we further pray, saying:

OUR Father...

*Then the Minister shall say:*

**A**CCORDING to the holy institution, example, and command of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for a memorial of Him, we do this: who, the same night in which He was betrayed, TOOK BREAD

*(here the Minister shall take the bread into his hands),*

and when He had blessed, and given thanks, HE  
BROKE IT

*(here he shall break the bread),*

and said,

TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS BROKEN  
FOR YOU: THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

After the same manner also, HE TOOK THE CUP

*(here he shall raise the cup),*

saying:

THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD:  
THIS DO YE, AS OFT AS YE DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF  
ME.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world; have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world; grant us Thy peace.

*The Minister shall himself receive in both kinds, and,  
in giving the bread, he shall say:*

**T**AKE ye, eat ye; this is the body of Christ which  
is broken for you: this do in remembrance of  
Him.

*And in giving the cup:*

**T**HIS cup is the new covenant in the blood of  
Christ, which is shed for many unto remission  
of sins: drink ye all of it.

*When all have received, the Minister shall say:*

THE PEACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH  
YOU ALL.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within  
me, bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His  
benefits.

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty God, our heavenly Father; we  
praise Thee for Thy grace vouchsafed to us in  
this holy Sacrament, whereby Thou dost manifest  
Thy lovingkindness and tender mercy toward us,  
and assure us that we are heirs, through hope, of  
Thine everlasting kingdom.

We pray for Thy holy Church, and especially  
for those oppressed with poverty, sickness, care, or  
other distress of body or sorrow of mind.

(We pray for Thy servant N . . . . .).

O Eternal God, we praise Thee for all Thy ser-  
vants who have finished their course and are now  
at rest with Thee. Keep us in fellowship with them,  
till we meet them with all the redeemed, in thy  
kingdom, where there is fullness of joy for ever-  
more; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth with  
Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world  
without end. AMEN.

*Thereafter the Minister shall pronounce the Bene-  
diction.*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all under-  
standing, keep your hearts and minds in the  
knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus  
Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon  
you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

# SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION

## I

*The service shall begin with the singing of a suitable Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

*Then shall be said a Call to Prayer in words of Holy Scripture, such as:*

SERVE the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

Let us pray.

*Thanksgiving*

O LORD our God, who art great, eternal, wonderful in glory; the hope of those who cry unto Thee, the reward of those who seek Thee, and the life of those who love Thee; we bless Thee that Thou hast kept covenant and promise with those who have waited upon Thee this day. For all Thy goodness to us, Thine unworthy children, we thank Thee; but especially that we have seen and heard, and tasted and handled the Word of Life; for our remembrance of the dying love of Christ our Saviour; for the holy communion of His body and blood; for our fellowship with Thee, the Father, and with Thy Son, with the whole company of the faithful who rest from their labours, and with Thy holy Church on earth; and we pray Thee that,

renewed by Thy grace, strengthened by Thy Spirit, and comforted by Thy love, our hearts may be lifted to new faith, courage, and hope, as we face the duties and the trials of life as followers of Thy Son, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### *Confession*

**H**OLY Lord God, who discernest the thoughts and intents of every heart; we know that even our holiest things are not pure in Thy sight. We acknowledge our weak faith, our doubting spirit, our slowness of heart to believe the promises of Christ and to commit ourselves wholly to Him. We confess how soon we forget Thy love and the vows we have made to Thee, and turn aside from the way of trust and obedience, seeking our own will rather than Thine. For all wherein we have failed and come short, even since at Thy Table we received the gifts of Thy love, we beseech Thy pardon; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### *Supplication*

**G**OD of all grace and peace, who hast revealed and pledged Thy forgiveness to us, through the sacrifice of Thine ever-blessed Son; as Thou hast called us to accept Thy mercy, help us to bind ourselves to Thee in more effectual vows. Renew in us the sense of our holy calling. Suffer us never to forget that we are not our own, but Thine. As we have received Christ, help us to walk in Him; and by living unselfish lives, seeking always the good of others, and doing all our works as unto Thee, enable us to shew forth Thy salvation from day to day. Make us wise unto a right use of life, enjoying its pleasures thankfully, fulfilling its duties faithfully,

and bearing its burdens patiently and with unconquerable trust in Thee; and so instruct and guide us by Thy Spirit, that it may be the work of our lives to obey Thee, the joy of our souls to please Thee, and, at the last, the fulfilment of all our desires to dwell with Thee, in Thy holy and everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be thanksgiving, honour, and glory, now and world without end. AMEN.

## II

Let us pray.

### *Intercession*

**F**ATHER of all, who hast loved Thy people with an everlasting love, and hast purchased them to Thyself by the blood of Thy dear Son; remember the whole congregation of the faithful in Thy holy Church throughout the world. Draw them nearer to Thee and to one another, in the bonds of a living faith; and cause them to abound in truth and love, in unity and peace, as servants of the same Lord.

For this congregation and parish we beseech Thee, that as Thou hast strengthened them by the bread of life, they may with one heart be faithful in witness, zealous of good works, and devoted to Thy kingdom.

We pray for those who came this day for the first time to Thy Holy Table; that as they have been made partakers of Christ, they may hold the beginning of their confidence, steadfast to the end, and, abiding in Him, as branches of the true Vine, bring forth fruit abundantly to Thy glory.

Continue Thy favour to the office-bearers and



workers, that they may fulfil their several ministries with joy and purity of heart; and to all the people, that they may continue firm in their loyalty to Thy Church, and come behind in no gift wherewith they may honour and serve Thee.

Revive Thy work, O Lord; extend Thy kingdom of righteousness and truth; further the labours of all who carry Thy light into the dark places of the world; and hasten the promised victory of Christ throughout the whole earth.

God save the Queen; guide with wisdom all who rule over us; and bless our country and all nations with righteousness and peace.

We pray for the sick and suffering, and for all who have been prevented by the restraints of Thy providence from worshipping this day in Thy House; that Thy presence may be with them, and that Christ may dwell in their hearts by faith.

Remember our own loved ones, wherever they be in Thy wide dominion, and keep them safe in Thy care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### *Thanksgiving for the faithful departed*

WITH thankful hearts we remember before Thee all Thy saints who have entered into rest, especially those with whom we have had communion here, and whom Thou hast called to the closer communion that awaits the faithful within the veil . . . Keep us united with them in one fellowship of spirit, and at the last gather us together with them into the joy of Thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose prevailing name and words we further pray, saying:

OUR Father...

## III

Let us pray.

*Dedication*

**F**ATHER of mercies; receive the offerings which, out of the thankfulness of our hearts, we present unto Thee, in devotion to Thy most holy name; and so quicken us by Thy Spirit, that our gifts may be symbols of a consecration that knows no bound, and a willingness to serve Thee which holds nothing back. Accept our sacrifice; establish that which Thou hast wrought in us; and grant that when we leave Thy House we may not leave Thy presence.

Abide with us, O Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Keep us ever near to Thee, till Thou bring us to the vision of Thy glory, where those who serve Thee see Thy face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

## IV

*Benediction*

**G**O in peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

## ORDER FOR THE SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE

*The service may begin with the singing of a suitable Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

*The persons to be married being present in the church with at least two witnesses, the man standing at the right hand of the woman, the Minister shall say:*

**E**XCEPT the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**D**EARLY beloved; we are gathered here in the presence of God and in face of this congregation (*or*, before these witnesses) to join together this man and this woman in marriage.

Marriage is a holy estate, instituted by God, and hallowed by our Lord's gracious presence at the marriage in Cana of Galilee. It is commended in Holy Scripture as honourable in all, and consecrated as signifying the mystical union between Christ and His Church.

It is therefore not to be entered upon lightly or unadvisedly, but thoughtfully, reverently, and in the fear of God, with due consideration of the ends for which it was ordained.

It was ordained for the life-long companionship, help, and comfort, which husband and wife ought to have of each other.

It was ordained for the continuance of the holy ordinance of family life, that children, who are the heritage of the Lord, should be duly nurtured and trained up in godliness.

It was ordained for the welfare of human society, which can be strong and happy only where the marriage bond is held in honour.

**I** NTO this holy estate these two persons now desire to enter. Wherefore if any one can shew any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together in marriage, let him now declare it.

*Then he shall say to the persons to be married:*

**A** LSO I require and charge you both, as you shall answer at the day of judgment, that if either of you know any just cause why you may not lawfully be joined together in marriage, you do now confess it.

*If no impediment be alleged, the Minister shall say:*

Forasmuch as no one speaketh, let us invoke the blessing of God on the union now to be formed.

Let us pray.

**A** LMIGHTY and most merciful Father; we Thine unworthy children praise Thee for all the bounties of Thy providence, and for all the gifts of Thy grace. Especially at this time we thank Thee for the institution of marriage, which Thou hast ordained to guard, to hallow, and to perfect the sacred gift of love. We thank Thee for the joy which these, Thy servants, have found in one another, and for the love and trust in which they enter this holy estate. And since without Thy help we cannot do anything as we ought, we pray that Thou wilt enrich these Thy servants here before Thee with Thy grace, that they may enter into the marriage covenant as in Thy sight, and truly keep the vows they are about to make; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Then (the Congregation standing) the Minister, addressing them by their Christian names, shall say:*

As a seal to the vows you are about to make, give each other the right hand.

*Then shall they say after him:*

(Man) **I** N..., do take thee, N..., to be my wedded wife; and do, in the presence of God and before this congregation (*or*, these witnesses), promise and covenant to be a loving, faithful, and dutiful husband unto thee, until God shall separate us by death.

(Woman) **I** N..., do take thee, N..., to be my wedded husband; and do, in the presence of God and before this congregation (*or*, these witnesses), promise and covenant to be a loving, faithful, and dutiful wife unto thee, until God shall separate us by death.

*Alternatively, this form may be used:*

(Minister) **D**O you, N..., take this woman, N..., to be your wedded wife; and do you, in the presence of God and before this congregation (*or*, these witnesses), promise and covenant to be to her a loving, faithful, and dutiful husband, until God shall separate you by death?

*Answer.* I do.

**D**O you, N..., take this man, N..., to be your wedded husband; and do you, in the presence of God and before this congregation (*or*, these witnesses), promise and covenant to be to him a loving, faithful, and dutiful wife, until God shall separate you by death?

*Answer.* I do.

*Here the ring shall be given to the Minister, who shall return it to the man, saying:*

As a token of the covenant into which you have entered, this ring is given and received.

*While the man places the ring on the fourth finger of the woman's left hand, the Minister shall say:*

**B**Y this sign you take each other, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish, till death do you part.

*Then the man and the woman again join hands, and the Minister shall say:*

**F**ORASMUCH as you have covenanted together in holy wedlock, and have declared the same before God and these witnesses, I pronounce you to be husband and wife: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

What God hath joined together let not man put asunder.

*Then he shall bless them, as they kneel, saying:*

**G**OD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. The Lord pour out the riches of His grace upon you, that you may please Him, and live together in holy love until your lives' end. AMEN.

*Or,*

**T**HE Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. AMEN.

*Thereafter a Prose Psalm or Anthem may be sung.*

*Then shall the Minister say:*

THE duty which the estate of marriage chiefly imposes is mutual love and reverence between man and wife; and this duty is plainly set forth in God's holy Word, where we read:

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church: and He is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband. (*Ephesians v.*)

*Or,*

Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (*I Corinthians xiii.*)

Or,

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit. (I John 4.)

*The Minister shall also say:*

**H**EAR the gracious words of the Lord Jesus Christ:

As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love. If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. These words have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. (St. John 15.)

*If the Minister so desires, he may now present the newly-married persons with a Bible, saying:*

Take this book, and upon its wisdom build your home.



*Or, he may present the Bible in the vestry, at the conclusion of the service.*

*Then he may give some words of counsel, after which he shall say:*

Let us pray.

**O** LORD our God, the Author and Giver of all good things, who hast consecrated this estate of marriage and made it holy; cause Thy blessing to descend and rest upon Thy servants who have been joined together in Thy name. Grant that they may dwell in unity and love all the days of their life, seeking one another's welfare, bearing one another's burdens, and sharing one another's joys. [Give them a lasting posterity, and bless them in their children.] Fill their dwelling with good things, that they may have for the supply of their own wants and for the relief of him that needeth. And above all, most merciful Father, we pray Thee to enrich their souls with Thy heavenly grace, that they may obey and serve Thee all their days, and at the last be made partakers of Thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us, when we pray, to say:

OUR Father...

*Then may be sung a suitable Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn; after which the Minister shall pronounce the Benediction.*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

## ORDER FOR THE BLESSING OF A CIVIL MARRIAGE

*The Minister shall not perform the ceremony of blessing a Civil Marriage until evidence has been produced which satisfies him that the persons seeking the blessing have been lawfully married. As a rule an Extract Certificate of the registration of the marriage should be shown to him before he proceeds with the ceremony. There are occasions when this cannot be done, and in such cases the Minister must exercise his discretion.*

*At the time appointed, the persons desiring the blessing of their marriage shall come into the church and there stand together in the appointed place, the man standing at the right hand of the woman; the Minister shall then say:*

**E**XCEPT the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**D**EARLY beloved: You have come to this house of God to seek the blessing of our heavenly Father on the union into which you are entered. It is my duty as a minister of the Gospel to remind you that this blessing should be sought only by those who recognise the sacredness of the marriage bond, and are willing to fulfil the obligations which Christian marriage demands.

Marriage is a holy estate instituted by Almighty God; it was hallowed and beautified by the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at the marriage in Cana of Galilee; and it is commended in Holy Scripture as being honourable in all.

It was appointed for the life-long companionship, help, and comfort, that husband and wife

ought to have of each other, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in prosperity and in adversity. It is therefore not to be entered upon lightly or unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly, and in the fear of God, with due consideration of the ends for which it was ordained.

Hear, then, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ touching this holy covenant:

Jesus answered, and said unto the Pharisees, Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Hear also what the Scripture saith concerning the duties of husband and wife:

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

*The Minister shall then say:*

Let us invoke the blessing of Almighty God.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father; who art the Giver of all good; we praise Thee for the bounties of Thy providence and the gifts of Thy grace. Especially at this time we thank Thee for the institution of marriage, which Thou hast ordained to guard, to hallow, and to perfect the sacred gift of love.

Send Thy Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee, upon these Thy servants who have been joined in this holy bond. Thou hast brought them together in Thy providence; bestow upon them Thy grace as they seek Thy blessing upon the union into which they are entered as husband and wife. Grant this, O heavenly Father, with the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Then shall the Minister say to the husband and wife:*

In token of your covenant with one another, give each other the right hand.

*When their hands are joined he shall say to the man:*

**D**O you acknowledge this woman to be your wedded wife, and do you promise before God to be to her a loving and faithful husband, till death do you part?

*The man shall answer: I do.*

*Then the Minister shall say to the woman:*

**D**O you acknowledge this man to be your wedded husband, and do you promise before God to be to him a loving and faithful husband, till death do you part?

*The woman shall answer: I do.*

*Then shall the Minister say:*

**L**ET it be your endeavour to live together in godly love, in Christian peace and good example, ever keeping faith and truth the one to the other, even as God's Word doth appoint.

The Lord sanctify and bless you; the Lord pour out the riches of His grace upon you, that you may please Him, and live together in His love until your lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Source of all life and love; bestow Thy rich and effectual blessing upon these Thy servants who have covenanted before Thee to dwell together as husband and wife.

Unite their hearts in true sympathy and love, that they may keep their vows, and live together in holy peace. Bestow Thy blessing upon the home in which they dwell, that it may ever be a place of true affection, pure religion, and consecrated joy. Enrich them by the mutual sympathies and disciplines of their life; make them sufficient for every duty and meet for higher service by Thy grace; and bring them at the last to that heavenly home where love and joy are perfect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father...

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

# ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

## SERVICE IN THE CHURCH OR HOUSE

*[For Form and Order for the Burial of a Minister, see 'Ordinal and Service Book for use in Courts of the Church'.]*

*The service may begin with the singing of a suitable Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

*Then shall the Minister say one or more of the following sentences:*

**B**LESSED are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. . . . They are in peace.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

In His favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

*Then may be offered the following prayer:*

**E**TERNAL God, our heavenly Father, who lovest us with an everlasting love, and canst turn the shadow of death into the morning; help us now to wait upon Thee with reverent and submissive hearts. In the silence of this hour speak to us of eternal things, that through patience and

comfort of the scriptures we may have hope, and be lifted above our darkness and distress into the light and peace of Thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Then may be read or sung one or more of the following:*

**T**HE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. (*Psalm xxiii*)

*Or,*

**L**ORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, Thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth; and mine age is as nothing before Thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in Thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because Thou didst it.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not Thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with Thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were. (*Psalm xxxix.*)

Or,

**L**ORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. (*Psalm xc.*)

Or,

**T**HE Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide: neither will He keep His anger for ever.



He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and His righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them.

*(Psalm ciii.)*

*Or,*

**I** WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. (*Psalm cxxi.*)

*Then may be read one or more of the following lessons:*

**I** RECKON that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Romans viii.*)

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming.

But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

Thou foolish one, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be.

But giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body.

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

(I *Corinthians* xv.)

**W**E are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Knowing that He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

(2 *Corinthians* iv.)

**I** WOULD not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose

again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words. (I *Thessalonians* iv.)

**O**F the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (I *Thessalonians* v.)

**A**FTER this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood

before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. (*Revelation vii.*)

**A**ND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him:

And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. (*Revelation xxi and xxii.*)

**J**ESUS said, Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me.

In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.  
(*St. John xiv.*)

*At the close of the reading from the Holy Scriptures,  
the Minister shall say:*

**T**HE Lord bless to us the reading of His holy Word, and to His name be glory and praise.  
AMEN.

Let us pray.

**G**OD of all grace, who didst send Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to bring life and immortality to light; most humbly and heartily we give Thee thanks, that by His death He destroyed the power of death, and by His glorious resurrection opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Grant us assuredly to know that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, shall be able to separate us from Thy love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

**F**ATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort; I look in Thy tender love and pity, we beseech Thee, on Thy sorrowing servants. Enable them to find in Thee their refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge. Grant them faith and hope in Him who by death hath conquered death, and by rising again hath opened the gates of everlasting life; even Jesus Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.



*(Here may be offered such special Prayers or Petitions  
as may be proper to the occasion.)*

**O** GOD, before whose face the generations rise and pass away; we bless and praise Thy name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear, and especially for *him* whom Thou hast now taken to Thyself. For all Thy lovingkindness towards *him* throughout *his* earthly life we give Thee thanks... And since it was Thy will to call *him* hence, we thank Thee that for *him* all sickness and sorrow are ended, that death itself is past, and we pray that *he* may enter into the rest that remaineth for Thy people.

And we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, being inspired by the example of Thy saints, may run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; so that, when this mortal life is ended, we may be gathered with those whom we have loved, in the kingdom of Thy glory, where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*Then may be sung a suitable Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

*Benediction*

The God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-

pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

AT THE GRAVE

**I** AM the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

Or,

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Or,

Fear not; I am the first and the last, saith the Lord. I am He that liveth and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore.

*Then shall be said the words of Committal as follows:*

**F**ORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of our *brother* here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the deep, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*At the burial of the dead at sea, the words used shall be:*

**F**ORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of our *brother* here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the deep, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*At a Cremation service the following shall be used:*

**F**ORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of our *brother* here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to be dissolved, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*When the service is conducted at the burial of the ashes after cremation, the form used shall be:*

**F**ORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of our *brother* here departed, we therefore commit *his* ashes to the ground, earth to earth, dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*The following may be added after the words of committal.*

**I** HEARD a voice from heaven saying unto me, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast revealed Thine only begotten Son as the resurrection and the life, raise us up, through Him, we beseech Thee, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Him, as our hope is this our *brother* doth, and that we may at last receive the blessing, Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father; through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. AMEN.

*Or,*

**A**Lmighty God, who by the death of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ hast destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb hast sanctified the graves of the saints, and by His glorious resurrection hast brought life and immortality to light; receive, we beseech Thee, our unfeigned thanks for that victory over death and the grave, which He hath obtained for us and for all who sleep in Him. Keep us in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Thee on earth, and with all that are around Thee in heaven, in union with Him who is the resurrection and the life, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

*Or,*

**O** GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this present world in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; that, when we have served Thee in our day and generation, we may be gathered to our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of Thy Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a holy hope, in favour with Thee our God, and in perfect charity with all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

# ANOTHER ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

TO BE USED IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF  
DEEP DISTRESS

*The Minister shall read one or more of the following  
Lessons:*

**O**UT of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O  
Lord.

Lord, hear my voice: let Thine ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications.

If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord,  
who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou  
mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His  
word do I hope.

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is  
plenteous redemption.

**V**ERILY, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth  
My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me,  
hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judge-  
ment; but is passed from death unto life.

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the  
which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice,  
and shall come forth; they that have done good,  
unto the resurrection of life; and they that have  
done evil, unto the resurrection of judgement.

**B**LESSED be God, even the Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God  
of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribula-

tion, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty God, our heavenly Father, who art the dwelling-place and home of Thy people in all generations; have mercy upon us as we draw near unto Thee under the shadow of great affliction, for in Thee alone is our confidence and our hope.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who madest nothing in vain, and lovest all that Thou hast made; look in tender pity on Thy bereaved servants, and enable them by Thy grace to find in Thee their refuge and their strength. In the silence of this hour we ask Thee to sustain them, and to deliver them from bitterness, despair, and doubt of Thy love. Fill their desolate hearts with Thy peace, that they may cleave more closely to Thee, who canst turn the shadow of death into the light of life.

Almighty God, who art ever ready to forgive, and to whom no prayer is ever offered in vain; speak to us all Thy word of consolation as we stand in the presence of death. Grant that whatever befall us may unite us more closely to Thee, that in doing Thy will we may know Thy righteousness and mercy.

O God, who dost continue to us the solemn trust of life; forgive our past unfaithfulness, and teach us to remember Thee from whom we come and to whom we go. Help us to live in the faith of Thy Son, that when Thou shalt call us hence, we may, in fellowship with our Saviour, be prepared to meet Thee our God, and enter into Thy heavenly

rest. These our prayers we offer in the name of Him who is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

#### SERVICE AT THE GRAVE

THE Lord knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

To this end Christ died and rose again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

FORASMUCH as the soul of this our *brother* has departed this life, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, looking to the infinite mercy of God, in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Let us pray.

O GOD of infinite compassion, who art the comforter of Thy children; look down in Thy tender love and pity, we beseech Thee, upon Thy stricken servants upon whom this trial has come. In the stillness of our hearts we entreat for them Thy sustaining grace. Be Thou their stay, their strength, and their shield; that, trusting in Thee to lighten their darkness, they may know Thy presence near, and in the assurance of Thy love, be delivered out of their distresses; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

MAY grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and evermore. AMEN.

# ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF A CHILD

## SERVICE IN THE CHURCH OR HOUSE

*The Minister shall say one or more of the following sentences:*

**B**LESSED are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions.

**I**S it well with the child? It is well.

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd. He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom.

*Then shall be read one or more of the following Lessons:*

**T**HE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. (*Psalm xxiii*)

**A**ND Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom



of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven.

It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

(*St. Matthew xviii.*)

**A**ND they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them: and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

(*St. Mark x.*)

*At the close of the reading from the Holy Scriptures the Minister shall say:*

The Lord bless unto us the reading of His holy Word, and to His name be glory and praise.

Let us pray.

**M**OST loving Father, whose ears are ever open to the cry of Thy children, and who art nearest to us when we are most in need of Thee; unto Thee do we turn in this hour of sorrow, knowing Thy love to us, trusting in Thy perfect wisdom, and seeking

grace to say from the heart, The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord.

We bless Thee for the gift of this child whom Thou hast taken. For the precious memories of *him* that will always abide in this home; and for our assurance that for *him* all sickness and sorrow are ended, that death itself is past, and that *he* lives evermore in Thy presence, wherein is fullness of joy; we bless and praise Thy name.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst take little children into Thine arms, and lay Thine hands upon them, and bless them; make us to know that Thou hast called this child unto Thyself, and that Thou wilt keep *him* now and always in the arms of Thy love.

O God, who healest the broken in heart, and bindest up their wounds; look down in tender pity and compassion upon Thy servants whose joy has been turned into mourning. Leave them not comfortless, but grant that they may be drawn closer one to another by their common sorrow. As Thou hast given them this new tie to bind them to the world unseen, so grant unto them that where their treasure is, there may their hearts be also. Fill their souls with the light and comfort of Thy presence. Grant unto them such a vision of that life wherein all mysteries shall be revealed, and all tears be wiped away, that they may be able to endure as seeing Thee who art invisible. So dwell with them and be their God, until the day break and the shadows flee away; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

AT THE GRAVE

SUFFER the little children to come unto Me, saith the Lord, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.

THE eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of this child (little one) here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Then may be said:*

THEY shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who in Christ Jesus hast promised eternal life to us and to our children; as we lay in the grave the body of this child (little one) we thank Thee for the sure and certain hope that as *he* has borne the image of

the earthly, *he* shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Give Thine angels charge over us; guard us ever in life and in death, that whether we wake or sleep, we may live together with Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**N**OW our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort our hearts and stablish us in every good word and work.

**T**HE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, now and evermore. AMEN.

## ORDER FOR ORDINATION AND ADMISSION OF ELDERS

ORDER FOR THE ORDINATION OF MINISTERS.

ORDER FOR THE INDUCTION OF A MINISTER ALREADY ORDAINED.

ORDER FOR THE LICENSING OF PROBATIONERS FOR THE HOLY MINISTRY.

*For these forms see 'Ordinal and Service Book for use in Courts of the Church'.*

*Divine Service is celebrated according to the usual order. The following are appropriate lessons of Holy Scripture:*

Exodus xviii; Rom. xii; I Cor. xii; St. Luke xii. 35-40.

*After Sermon the following Prayer may be offered:*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Giver of every good gift, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast given to Thy Church, together with the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, Elders of the people with gifts to rule and govern in Thy Church, for the oversight and care of Thy flock; look mercifully upon us, and so direct us by Thy Holy Spirit, that what we do at this time may be to the welfare of Thy kingdom, to the building up of Thy people in righteousness, love, and good works, and to the glory of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Then the Minister shall say to the people:*

**D**EARLY beloved brethren; The Minister and Kirk Session of this church and parish having judged it meet to add to the number of its Elders,

choice has been made of A, B, C, D, to act with them. After due notice given, no objection has been offered to their life and doctrine. It now becomes my duty publicly to ordain (*and/or* admit) the said A, B, C, and D, and to receive them as members of the Kirk Session, so soon as they shall have answered satisfactorily the question appointed by the Church.

But first, hear what is said regarding this office, in the Form of Church Government drawn up by the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, and approved by former General Assemblies of the Church of Scotland:

‘AS there were in the Jewish Church elders of the people, joined with the priests and Levites in the government of the Church; so Christ, who hath instituted government and governors ecclesiastical in the Church, hath furnished some in His Church, besides the Ministers of the Word, with gifts for government and with commission to execute the same, when called thereunto; who are to join with the minister in the government of the Church, which officers Reformed Churches commonly call Elders.’

The duties of Elders are more particularly:

To set the example of a virtuous and godly life, and of regular attendance at public worship;

To take part with the Minister in administering the care and discipline of the parish;

And to represent their brethren in Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assemblies, when commissioned thereto.

*Then shall the Minister read this Preamble:*

**I**N the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, who, being ascended on high, hath given gifts unto men for the edifying of the body of Christ, we are met here to ordain A, B, C, D, to the office of the Eldership (and to admit E, F, G, H, into that office in this Congregation).

In this act of Ordination (*and/or* Admission), the Church of Scotland, as part of the Holy Catholic or Universal Church, worshipping one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—affirms anew its belief in the Gospel of the sovereign grace and love of God, wherein through Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, incarnate, crucified, and risen, He freely offers to all men, upon repentance and faith, the forgiveness of sins, renewal by the Holy Spirit, and eternal life, and calls them to labour in the fellowship of faith for the advancement of the kingdom of God throughout the world.

The Church of Scotland acknowledges the Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, to be the supreme rule of faith and life.

The Church of Scotland holds as its subordinate standard the Westminster Confession of Faith, recognising liberty of opinion on such points of doctrine as do not enter into the substance of the faith, and claiming the right, in dependence on the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, to formulate, interpret, or modify its subordinate standards: always in agreement with the Word of God and the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith contained in the said Confession — of which agreement the Church itself shall be sole judge.

*Then the Minister, addressing the Elders-elect, who shall stand before him, shall say:*

In view of this Declaration you are now required to answer this question:

**D**O you believe the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith; do you promise to seek the unity and peace of this Church; to uphold the doctrine, worship, government and discipline thereof, and to take your due part in the administration of its affairs?

*Then shall each answer: I do.*

*Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us pray.

**O**ETERNAL and ever-blessed God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who of Thine infinite mercy hast chosen to Thyself a Church, which Thou hast ever ruled by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit; and yet hast used the service of men, as in preaching Thy Word and ministering Thy Sacraments, so also in guiding Thy flock and providing for the poor; we commend unto Thee those whom we now ordain (*and/or* admit) to the office of the Eldership. Endue them with Thy Spirit that they may be thoroughly furnished unto every good work. Grant that their walk and conversation may be as become their office. Make them pure in heart, unselfish in service, and zealous always for the advancement of Thy kingdom. Keep them faithful to the end, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, they may receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .



*Thereafter the Minister shall say, the Elders-elect standing before him:*

**I**N the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, I now declare you to have been ordained to the office of the Eldership, and I admit you to office in this Congregation and parish; and I commend you to the grace of God in the discharge of all your duties.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and abide with you always. AMEN.

*An exhortation may then be given to the newly admitted Elders and to the people, after this manner:*

**I**EXHORT you, therefore, to be faithful in this your office; to magnify God who hath called you to rule within His Church; to show yourselves zealous to promote virtue; not to fear the faces of the wicked, but to rebuke their wickedness; to be merciful to the poor and needy, and to support them to the utmost of your power. So shall you receive the benediction of God, present and everlasting.

**A**ND you, my brethren of the Congregation, I exhort to support these Elders in all the duties of their office, and to esteem them highly in love for their works' sake. So shall you also be servants of the Lord, and be acceptable before Him as His people.

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait

on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, of whose help and guidance we ever stand in need; bestow upon us these blessings, we beseech Thee, that we may grow in the knowledge of Thy will, and increase in spiritual wisdom. Strengthen us with might by Thy Spirit, that we may serve Thee faithfully all our days, and at last inherit that blessed life which Thou hast promised to Thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Then may be sung Psalm cxxii. 6-9, and the Service concluded with the Benediction:*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always.

*At the meeting of Kirk Session held after the service, the newly admitted Elders shall receive the right hand of fellowship from the Minister and the other members of the Kirk Session, and shall sign the Formula if this has not already been done.*

## ORDER FOR THE ORDINATION AND ADMISSION OF DEACONS

*Where Deacons or Managers are elected only for a triennial period, prayer should be suitably offered for them in the Intercessions on the Sunday following.*

*Where the election is for life, the Ordination and Admission shall take place in presence of the Congregation during public worship.*

*The Kirk Session shall be constituted in the session house before Divine Service, and at the time appointed the Elders and Deacons-elect shall take their places.*

*After Sermon, the offerings having been received, a suitable hymn shall be sung. Thereafter the Minister shall read the narrative in such words as these:*

**D**EARLY beloved brethren; the Session of this Congregation, having judged it to be expedient that an addition should be made to the number of Deacons, proceeded, according to the rules appointed by the Church, to ascertain the choice by the Congregation of those who should take part in this office. The persons now to be named were elected, and have intimated their willingness to accept their call. Wherefore, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, we are met to ordain A, B, C, D, as Deacons, and to admit them into that office in this Congregation.

But first, the following Declaration is appointed to be read. (See p. 190, under *Ordination of Elders*, substituting 'Diaconate' for 'Eldership'.)

*Having put the Question (p. 191) appointed by the General Assembly to the Deacons-elect and received their answer, the Minister shall by prayer set them apart to their office.*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hast chosen Thy Church to make Thy name glorious, and hast received us, of Thy free grace, into that beloved community; we thank Thee that Thou call-est Thy people to be fellow-labourers with Thee.

We commend unto Thee Thy servants now before Thee; and as, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, we ordain them as Deacons and admit them to their office in this Congregation, we beseech Thee to give them grace to fulfil, in all love and faithfulness, the duties to which they are now set apart. Give them wisdom and discretion, a prayerful spirit, love for Thy House, and zeal for Thy kingdom. And as of things seen and temporal Thou dost make symbols and sacraments of things unseen and eternal, we beseech Thee so to direct Thy servants by Thy Holy Spirit, that the material things they handle be all holy unto the Lord. Let them abide in Christ, firm and steadfast, that they may never grow weary in service, but may show forth a good example to all Thy flock, and persevere in diligence and devotion unto the end.

These things we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.

*Prayer being ended, the Minister shall say, the Deacons-elect standing before him:*

**I**N the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, I do hereby declare

you to be ordained as Deacons, and admit you into office in this Congregation; and I commend you to the grace of God in the discharge of all your duties.

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, rest upon you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

*The Charges to the newly admitted Deacons, and to the Congregation, shall next be given. Thereafter Psalm cxxii. 6-9 shall be sung and the service concluded with the Benediction.*

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

*At a meeting of the Kirk Session after the service, the newly admitted Deacons shall sign the Formula, if this has not already been done, and receive the right hand of fellowship.*

## DEDICATION OF CHURCH WORKERS

### *Prayer at the Dedication of Church Workers*

**O** GOD, our Father, who art rich in mercy unto all that call upon Thee, and who hast never left Thyself without the witness of dedicated lives; we give Thee thanks that we have heard Thy call to devote our lives and gifts to the service of Thy kingdom. Make us glad to be numbered with those who serve Thee in the fellowship of Thy Son, and grant that we may have part with them in bringing to fulfilment Thy purpose of love for the world. Humbly we own that in ourselves there is neither power nor wisdom sufficient for the work Thou givest us to do; but our expectation and hope are toward Thee, in whom all wisdom and strength are found; and as this day we dedicate ourselves anew to Thee, we beseech Thee to accept us and to sanctify us by Thy grace, that our work, done in Thy name, may be acceptable in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### *Prayer at the Dedication of Sunday School Teachers*

**E**VER-BLESSED Lord, who in the ministry of Thy Son hast taught us how precious are all children in Thy sight; we beseech Thee to bless all to whom Thou hast committed the care and training of the young, especially Thy servants before Thee, who dedicate themselves in Christ's name to this high and holy task. Endue them, by Thy Spirit, with understanding of Thy Word, and with love to Jesus Christ; and grant them tenderness and insight, whereby their words may give light to

those whom they teach, and open to them the truth as it is in Jesus. So guide and direct them, that their lives may commend the Master whom they serve, and that those who look to them and are taught by them may be led in the way everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Prayer for one beginning work as Deaconess or  
Church Sister in a Congregation*

**A**Lmighty God, eternal Father, who hast revealed Thy love in Jesus Christ our Lord, and called us to be fellow-labourers with Him in His Church and kingdom; we commend Thy servant here before Thee to Thy continual love and guidance. Endue her with Thy grace, that she may be filled with the strength and gentleness of Christ. Sustain her amidst all trials and difficulties. Give her a right judgement in all things; bestow upon her the grace of perseverance; and enable her by word and deed to manifest the spirit of her Lord.

As she enters the homes of the people, grant her also an entrance into their hearts, that with wise and loving sympathy she may comfort the sick, cheer the aged, raise up the fallen, strengthen such as do stand, bring back those who have wandered and gone astray, and win the hearts of the young to the faith of the Gospel and the service of Christ the Lord. Grant her grace so to glorify Thee on earth that, when she has finished the work which Thou givest her to do, she may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Prayer for one leaving a Congregation on Foreign  
Missionary Service<sup>1</sup>*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who didst send Thy beloved Son to die for the sins of the whole world; look down, we beseech Thee, upon all nations who have not heard His name, and in Thy mercy lead them to His Cross.

We thank Thee for those in every age who have been obedient to Thy command to bear abroad Thy Gospel, and especially for Thy servant here before Thee. Give *him* to realise the glory of *his* calling; fill *him* with the Saviour's passion for the souls of men; and keep *him* in such faith and devotion that *he* may shew forth by teaching and example the grace of the Lord Jesus. Sustain *him* amidst all trials and difficulties; guard *him* in perils of body and of soul; give *him* a right judgement in all things; bestow upon *him* the grace of perseverance; enable *him* by word and deed to manifest the Spirit of *his* Lord; and in the end cause *him* to come unto Thee rejoicing, bringing *his* sheaves with *him*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Prayer for an Organist, or Precentor and Choir-  
master, beginning work in a Congregation*

OUR LORD our God, whose name alone is excellent, and whose glory is above the earth and heaven; we beseech Thee to bless Thy servant to whom the trust has been committed of leading the

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<sup>1</sup> Full services for the setting apart of a Foreign Missionary, Deaconess, or Church Sister, with the relevant questions to be asked of the candidate, will be supplied on application to the Secretary of the Committee concerned.



praises of Thy people within this holy place. As Thou hast called him to Thy service, make and keep him worthy of his calling. Let Thy Holy Spirit rule and direct his heart in all the duty given him to do, that he may teach and lead others to offer their worship in reverence, and to sing with the understanding and the heart, as to Thee and not to men. And grant him so to be one with Thy people in their love for Thy House and their fellowship in Thy service, that he and they together may continually find joy and increase of faith, in praising Thy wonderful and holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## ORDER FOR LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A CHURCH

*The People being assembled at the place where the church is to be built, the Minister, standing near the stone, shall say:*

**E**XCEPT the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth, even for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

Let us pray.

**O**LORD God, who art exalted above the heavens, and yet dost vouchsafe to dwell upon earth, and to visit with Thy presence those who call upon Thee; look down in the abundance of Thy goodness upon us assembled in this place upon which we purpose to build a temple for the spiritual worship which becomes Thy holy name.

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*A suitable Psalm or Hymn shall be sung, and Lessons from Holy Scripture read, such as I Chronicles xxix. 10-18, I Peter ii. 1-7, and Matthew xvi. 13-18.*

*The people may then together confess their faith, in the Apostles' Creed.*

*Thereafter the Minister shall say:*

Let us pray.

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, true corner-stone, immutable foundation; establish, we beseech Thee, this stone which we plant in Thy name; and, as Thou art the beginning and the end in whom all things were created, vouchsafe to us Thy continual presence that this our work, undertaken for Thy service, may be completed and perfected, to the praise and glory of Thy holy name; who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reigneth, one God, world without end. AMEN.

*Here shall follow the laying of the stone. After the usual articles, such as records and coins, have been deposited in the cavity prepared for them, the person appointed for the purpose, assisted by the builder, shall lay the stone in its place. Then the Minister, placing his hand on it, shall say:*

**I**N the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we lay this stone of a building to be here erected under the name of ... Church, and devoted to the worship of Almighty God.

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

In this place may the true faith flourish, the fear of God, the love of the brethren: Here may the voice of prayer continually be heard, the voice of rejoicing and salvation, the voice of praise and invocation of Thy most glorious and honourable name, even the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, henceforth and for ever. AMEN.

*Then shall follow the Prayer of Dedication.*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast built the living temple of Thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone; confirm and bless, we beseech Thee, that which we have now done in Thy name, and prosper the work to which we have set our hands. Remember, in Thy mercy, those who have planned and wrought, and offered of themselves and of their substance for the furthering of this work. Shield and defend those who shall labour with their hands upon the building, that they may receive no hurt; and grant that this House now begun, may without hindrance and in due time stand complete in strength and beauty, a place fit for Thy dwelling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reigneth and is worshiped and glorified with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, world without end. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*A suitable Hymn shall be sung, after which an Address may be given. Thereafter, the Offerings shall be received and dedicated.*

*Then shall be sung Psalm lxxii. 17-19; and the people dismissed with the Benediction:*

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. AMEN.

## ORDER FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

*The Presbytery, having assembled in the hall or vestry of the church, shall proceed in due order into the church, and take their places.*

*The Choir shall also enter and take their places.*

*The doors shall be closed two minutes before the hour at which the service is to begin.*

*The Moderator of the Presbytery and the officiating Ministers shall proceed from the hall or vestry to the main door of the church.*

*Knocking at the door, the Moderator shall say:*

**O** PEN to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.

*The door shall then be opened from within by a representative of the Congregation, who shall deliver the keys of the church to the Moderator, saying:*

**I** N token that this building has been erected for the Church of Scotland, I deliver to you the keys thereof, and pray you now to dedicate it to the worship of Almighty God.

*The Moderator shall answer:*

**I** N the name of the Church of Scotland we accept the keys, in token of the trust committed to us. We are ready to proceed to the Dedication.

*Passing within the inner door of the church, the Moderator shall pause and say:*

**P** EACE be to this house, and all who worship therein.

Peace be to those that enter, and to those that go out therefrom.

Peace be to those that love it, and that love the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Then shall be sung Psalm c.*

*While the Psalm is being sung, the Moderator and those with him shall proceed in order to the places allotted to them.*

*The Moderator shall lay the keys of the church on the Holy Table.*

*The Minister appointed so to do shall then say:*

OUR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Except that the Lord build the House, they labour in vain that build it.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth, even for ever.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, the sanctifier of all things, whose lovingkindness never faileth, who rulest both in heaven and in earth, keeping mercy for Thy people who walk before the presence of Thy glory; graciously vouchsafe Thy presence as we dedicate this building to Thy most holy worship and service; mercifully illumine and brighten it with Thine own glory, and pour down Thy blessing upon it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

BLESSED Father, who hast promised that in all places where Thou dost record Thy name Thou wilt come unto Thy people to bless them; come now, we beseech Thee, according to Thy Word, and dwell in this House, built to the honour of Thy most glorious name, that it may be, to all who seek Thee within its courts, a temple of the living God, a sanctuary of the Most High.

Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of men, who hast the key of David, who openest and no man shutteth; grant that this House, now opened

for the preaching of Thy Gospel and the shewing forth of Thy glory, may always be filled with Thy presence, and ever remain a refuge for Thy people.

Blessed and Holy Spirit, Giver of life, Treasure of good, let Thy sanctifying power be upon us, that this place may be separated to Thy glory and hallowed for ever, and that all who worship within these walls may be Thy temple and dwelling-place.

Blessed and glorious Lord God Almighty, three Persons and one God, by whose power, wisdom, and love all things are sanctified, enlightened, and made perfect; enable us by Thy power, illumine us with Thy truth, perfect us with Thy grace; that now and always we, and those who shall gather here, may worship, glorify, adore, and praise Thee, in spirit and in truth, O eternal Trinity, world without end. AMEN.

*The Lesson from the Old Testament shall be read:*

1 Kings viii. 22-3, 27-30.

*Then shall be sung* Para. xx. 1-5.

*The Lessons from the New Testament shall be read:*

Ephesians ii. 13-22;

St. Matthew xxi. 12-16.

*Thereafter, all standing, the Apostles' Creed shall be said:*

**I** BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead,

He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. AMEN.

*The Hymn Veni Creator Spiritus (No. 182) shall be sung.*

*The Moderator shall then say:*

**D**EARLY beloved Brethren; Forasmuch as it pleased Almighty God to put it into the heart of His servants to build this House for His worship; let us now fulfil the godly purpose for which we are assembled, of dedicating it to the honour of God's most holy name.

**I**N the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we do this.

To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by His grace:

To the glory of God the Son, who loves us and gave Himself for us:

And to the glory of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us:

We dedicate this House.

*The people respond: AMEN.*

For the worship of God in praise and prayer:

For the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and exalted:

And for the celebration of the holy Sacraments of His grace:

We dedicate this House.

**R: AMEN.**



For the giving of comfort to all who mourn:  
Of strength to all who are tempted:  
Of light to all who seek the way:  
We dedicate this House.

*R: AMEN.*

For the hallowing of family life:  
For the teaching and guiding of the young:  
For the upbuilding of all who believe, and the  
perfecting of the saints:  
We dedicate this House.

*R: AMEN.*

For the increase of righteousness:  
For the spread of the spirit of love:  
And for the extension of the kingdom of God:  
We dedicate this House.

*R: AMEN.*

**A**ND now, as a people within the household of  
God:

In the unity of faith:  
In the communion of saints:  
In love and goodwill to all:  
In gratitude for the gift of this House to be an  
habitation of God through the Spirit:

We dedicate ourselves to the worship of  
God and the service of his kingdom:

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*R: AMEN.*

Let us pray.

**O** ETERNAL God, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, but who dost graciously manifest Thyself to Thy people who assemble in Thy name; vouchsafe to be present with us who are here gathered together to dedicate this House to Thy glory, separating it henceforth from all unhallowed and common uses. Be with us as we set it apart entirely to Thy service, for the offering to Thee of the sacrifices of prayer and praise, for the reading and preaching of Thy holy Word, for the celebration of Thy holy Sacraments, for the blessing of Thy people in Thy name, and for all other sacred ordinances. Accept, we beseech Thee, this willing service at our hands, and grant that this House may be an habitation of Thy glory, so that all who seek Thy presence here may behold Thine everlasting light, and be satisfied with Thine eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**G**RANT, O Lord, that by Thy holy Word, which shall be read and preached in this place, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**G**RANT, O Lord, that those who shall be dedicated unto Thee in this House by baptism may be sanctified by Thy Holy Spirit, and, being made living members of Christ's Church, may ever remain in the number of Thy faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**G**RANT, O Lord, that those who in this place shall in their own persons renew the promises made for them at their baptism, may so receive Thy Holy Spirit that they may ever be enabled to keep their vows, and grow in grace until they come to Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**G**RANT, O Lord, that those who shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, may do so with a penitent heart, lively faith, and perfect charity; and, being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may be made partakers of the living bread, and heirs through hope of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**G**RANT, O Lord, that those who in this place shall be joined together in marriage, may faithfully perform the vow and covenant between them made, and remain in perfect love together unto their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**R**EGARD, O Lord, the supplications of Thy servants, and grant that those who shall confess their sins and offer up their prayers and praises unto Thee in this place, may be graciously accepted in Thy sight, and enabled so to worship Thee in the Church here below, that finally they may be received into the blessed company of the Church in heaven, there to praise and glorify Thee evermore. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*The Congregation shall stand, and the Moderator shall declare the church dedicated to the service of Almighty God, saying:*

**I**N the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I do now declare this House to be for ever set apart from all profane and common uses, and consecrated to the worship and service of Almighty God: to whom be glory and majesty, dominion and power, for ever and ever. AMEN.

*Then shall be sung Hymn 207: 'Christ is made the sure foundation.'*

*The Sermon shall be preached, and shall close with the Ascription:*

**N**OW unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. AMEN.

*The Offerings shall be received, and, when laid on the Holy Table, dedicated:*

**B**LESSED be Thy name, O Lord God, for that it hath pleased Thee to have Thy habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of Thy people. Bless, we beseech Thee, the solemnities of this day, and Thy Word preached unto us. Graciously accept the gifts and offerings which we present unto Thee and dedicate to Thy service. And grant that in this place, now set apart to Thine honour, Thy holy name may be worshipped in purity and truth to all generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who ever liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.

Psalm cxxii. vv. 6-9 *shall be sung.*

*The Benediction shall be pronounced by the Moderator:*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

*After a pause for silent prayer, the Congregation shall stand and sing Hymn No. 21: 'Praise, my soul, the King of heaven', vv. 1, 2, 5, while the officiating Ministers, and those with them, leave the church.*

## ORDER FOR THE DEDICATION OF AN ORGAN

*The Dedication shall take place before the Organ is used in worship.*

*The service may begin by the people singing, unaccompanied, the Doxology:*

PRAISE God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

*Then, the people still standing, the Minister shall say:*

**P**RAISE ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

**B**RETHREN in the Lord; forasmuch as God has put it into your hearts to build this instrument of music as an aid to your worship in this place, it is meet and right that we should now dedicate it to Him and set it apart to the holy use for which it is designed. I call upon you, therefore, to say in your hearts what I now say in your hearing.

**I**N the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, we do solemnly dedicate this organ and declare it to be for ever set apart from all common and unhallowed uses, and consecrated to the praise and worship of Almighty God:

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,  
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

*The people respond, AMEN.*

*Then the Minister shall say:*

Let us pray.

**O** GOD our Father, most holy and most high, unto whom we have access by one Spirit, through our Lord Jesus Christ; we laud Thee, we bless Thee, we give thanks unto Thy great name, for Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth. Worthy art Thou, O Lord, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Graciously receive at our hands this organ, which we have now dedicated to Thy glory. Grant that by its reverent use Thy praise may ever be enriched and made glorious, and that all who worship here may serve Thee with gladness, and shew forth Thy praise in triumphant songs. Let Thy glory fill this place, and Thy Spirit so dwell in the hearts of Thy people that they may ever be led to sing with grace in their hearts unto Thee. And of Thy great mercy grant that all who learn here to find joy in worshipping Thee may be numbered at the last with those who shall sing the new song before Thy heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, and is worshipped and glorified, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*Then shall be sung a Psalm or Hymn or Praise, accompanied by the Organ, and thereafter the service shall follow the usual order.*

## ORDER FOR THE DEDICATION OF CHURCH FURNISHINGS AND MEMORIALS

*The service shall be conducted in the customary way, and, when the Sermon is ended, an appropriate Hymn shall be sung.*

*The Minister, accompanied by those who are to take part with him in the service, shall proceed to that part of the church where the act of dedication is to take place; and, when the music ends, the People still standing, he shall say:*

**O**UR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Honour and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth, even for evermore.

Let us pray.

**B**LESSED and glorious Lord God Almighty, by whose power, wisdom, and love all things are sanctified, enlightened, and made perfect; be merciful unto us and bless us, we beseech Thee, and cause Thy face to shine upon us, that what we now do may please Thee, and shew forth the honour of Thy name. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.



*When that which is to be dedicated is a Memorial, the Minister shall then call upon the person appointed to perform the unveiling:*

We ask ... now to unveil the Memorial.

*The authorities of the Church, represented by the Minister, are then asked, in such words as these, to receive the Memorial:*

Reverend Sir,

In the name of ... (or, In memory of ...) we ask you to receive this Memorial, and to dedicate it to the glory and praise of God.

*To which the Minister shall respond:*

We accept this gift as a sacred trust, and shall guard it reverently, in honour of the faithful and devoted life to whose memory it is erected.

*Then shall he pronounce the words of Dedication:*

**I**N the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, I dedicate this Memorial to the glory of God, and in memory of His servant...

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,  
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

*If it be a Window that is to be dedicated, these Sentences shall be used:*

**O**UR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He hath made everything beautiful in its time.

Honour and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

*After the Act of Dedication the following Prayer shall be offered:*

**A**Lmighty God, who art the true light of faithful souls and the perfect brightness of Thy saints, and who fillest heaven and earth with Thy Divine Majesty, but who dost accept the offerings of Thy children; graciously receive at our hands this window which we have dedicated unto Thee (in memory of Thy servant), to the beautifying of this sanctuary, to the blessing and edifying of this Thy people, and to the glory of Thy great name.

O blessed and holy God, we pray that all who behold the fair colours of this window, may by Thy Holy Spirit be filled with thoughts pure and lovely, and drawn to the vision and love of heavenly things. Increase in us the beauty of holiness wherein we may acceptably worship Thee, and the purity of heart whereby we may behold Thee; conform us more and more to the image of Thy Son; so that when sign and symbol shall have passed away, and that which is perfect is come, we may behold the things which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee, and, with unclouded vision, see Thee as Thou art; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*If it be a Pulpit or a Lectern that is to be dedicated, the following Sentences shall be used:*

**F**OR ever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven. Through Thy precepts I get understanding. The entrance of Thy words giveth light.

All scripture given by inspiration of God is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

*After the Act of Dedication the following Prayer shall be offered:*

**A**Lmighty God, who dost enlighten the minds of Thy servants with the knowledge of Thy truth; cause Thy Church to arise and shine. Thy testimonies are the heritage of Thy people for ever; let them be the rejoicing of their hearts. Clothe Thy ministers with righteousness and salvation, that Thy Word, proclaimed by them, may not return unto Thee void, but have free course and be glorified, prospering in the thing whereto Thou sendest it, and turning the hearts of men to Thee.

Let Thy blessing rest, O Lord, upon this place from which Thy holy Word is henceforth to be read (delivered) to Thy worshipping people, that Thy truth may be effectual unto true faith and eternal life. Grant that all who read may be filled with the faith of the Gospel, and with thankfulness to Thee who dost in the holy Scriptures reveal the Word of life. And grant that all who hear may receive that Word into honest and good hearts, and bring forth fruit with patience, to Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*If it be a Communion Table that is to be dedicated, these Sentences shall be used:*

**T**HIS is the Table that is before the Lord.  
I will sanctify the tabernacle and the altar, saith the Lord.

And there will I meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory.

They shall enter into My sanctuary, and they shall come near to My Table, and they shall keep My charge.

*After the Act of Dedication the following Prayer shall be offered:*

**E**TERNAL God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom every family in heaven and earth is named; accept us through Him, we beseech Thee, and hear us, as we do now dedicate to Thy glory this Communion Table, and pray Thee, through the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to hallow and consecrate it to the holy uses for which it is set apart.

Grant that whensoever Thy people come hither in obedience to their Saviour's command, This do in remembrance of Me, they may, with humble penitence and in full assurance of Thy forgiveness, render unto Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and, receiving the Sacrament of His body and blood, be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made partakers of eternal life.

And grant, O most merciful Father, that the prayers and offerings which Thy people shall here present to Thee, may ever come up with acceptance before Thy throne; through Him who stands within the veil, the eternal High Priest and Mediator of the new covenant, who hath consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest of all.

And to Him, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, be all honour and glory, world without end. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*If it be Communion Vessels that are to be dedicated, these Sentences shall be used:*

**T**HE cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

*After the Act of Dedication the following Prayer shall be offered:*

**A**Lmighty God, who of old didst command Thy servant Moses to consecrate the vessels of the sanctuary, that thereafter they might be used for Thy worship and service alone; receive at our hands, we beseech Thee, these vessels which we set apart and separate from all unhallowed, ordinary and common uses, and devote entirely to the service of Thy House in the Sacrament of the Holy Supper of our Lord. Accept, consecrate, and bless them, we beseech Thee, that ever hereafter men may know them to be holy unto the Lord. We bless Thee that He who died upon the Cross for our salvation vouchsafes to give Himself to be our spiritual life and food; and we pray that whensoever Thy people, in faith, receive from these vessels the communion of His most precious body and blood, they may be made glad by the Saviour's love, quickened by His life, and filled with all heavenly grace and benediction. So illuminate them with His truth and enable them by His power, that they may continue steadfast in faith and abound in hope and love, and at last, with all the faithful, be made partakers of His glorious resurrection unto eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*If it be a Font (or Laver) that is to be dedicated, these Sentences shall be used:*

**J**ESUS said, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching

them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. AMEN.

*After the Act of Dedication the following Prayer shall be offered:*

**A**Lmighty God, our heavenly Father, without whom no word or work of ours availeth, but who dost accept the works of our hands for the service of Thy Church; have respect unto the prayers of us, Thy servants, who, seeking to advance the goodly order of Thy house, now dedicate this font (laver) to Thine honour, and for the praise and glory of Thy name.

Accept and consecrate it, we beseech Thee, as we set it apart from all unhallowed, ordinary and common uses, for its holy use in the worship and service which Thou hast ordained.

Grant that whosoever shall come hither to be baptized with water may receive also the baptism of Thy Holy Spirit, and, being received into Thy Church, may ever remain in the number of Thy faithful children, redeemed by Thy Son and sanctified by Thy grace.

And let this font (laver) ever witness to the hearts of all who worship here, of the covenant into which through baptism they have entered with Thee, that they may renew their vows as they worship, and ever seek faithfully to fulfil them, until that day when, sign and symbol having passed away, they shall see Thee face to face, and glorify Thee in Thine everlasting kingdom, in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*If it be other Church Furniture that is to be dedicated, these Sentences shall be used:*

**G**IVE unto the Lord the glory that is due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

In His temple everything saith Glory.

*After the Act of Dedication the following Prayer shall be offered:*

**A**Lmighty God, our heavenly Father, without whom no word or work of ours availeth, but who dost accept the gifts of our hands for the beautifying of Thy sanctuary; bestow Thy blessing upon us now as we dedicate these gifts to Thy glory, for the use and adornment of this holy place (and in memory of Thy servant).

Accept them, we pray Thee, as we set them apart from all common and unhallowed uses, ever to be employed for the service of Thy Church and the honour of Thy holy name. Grant that every gift for Thy sanctuary may bring spiritual increase to Thy people. Send Thy Holy Spirit upon them at all times when they assemble here for Thy worship, that they may be clothed with the holiness that becometh Thine House for ever, and that thus they may be prepared for that great day when, sign and symbol having passed away, they shall see Thee face to face, and worship and glorify Thee in Thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*When the articles to be dedicated are gifts, the prayer here following shall be included in the Prayer of Dedication:*

WE thank Thee that Thou didst put it into the heart of Thy servant(s) to give of *his* substance to advance the goodly order of Thy House and to beautify the place of Thy sanctuary; and we pray Thee to accept *his* devotion, comfort *him* with Thy favour, and reward *him* for the kindness *he* has shewn to Thy House and its worship.

*When the articles to be dedicated are Memorials, the thanksgiving here following shall be included in the Prayer:*

OTHOU who art the Creator and Lover of all men, by whom all souls do live; we bless and praise Thee for all that was pure and true, beautiful and good, in the *life* commemorated this day; for the example *he* has left of faith and hope and duty, and of love for Thy Church; and for the hope we have, through Christ, that *he* has entered into rest.



## ORDER FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCHYARD OR BURIAL GROUND

*The Minister and People having assembled at the main gateway, or standing on the new ground that is to be dedicated, a suitable Psalm may be sung. Thereafter the Minister shall say:*

**D**EARLY beloved, in all ages, from the days of Abraham, the father of the faithful, it has been the custom of the people of God to set apart with all honour, as holy ground, places of interment for their dead. And our blessed Saviour, who died for our sins and rose again for our justification, vouchsafed also, by His own burial, to hallow the grave as a resting-place for His people. Wherefore we are assembled in His name, that, by the reading of the Word of God and solemn prayer, we may set aside this ground to be a burying-place for the bodies of those who have departed this life.

*Then shall be read Genesis xxiii. 1-4, 17-20; I Thessalonians iv. 13-18; St. John xi. 25-6. Then shall be said the sentence of dedication:*

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,  
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**I** DEDICATE this ground, to be used now and henceforth as part of God's Acre in this parish, and to be sacred, in all time coming, for the Christian burial of the dead.

Let us pray.

**O** LORD God, eternal Father, who art the God, not of the dead, but of the living, since all live unto Thee; look down, we beseech Thee, on this

place which we dedicate to Thy glory; and set it apart by Thy benediction from all common use to the sacred use and purpose for which it is appointed, even for the Christian burial of those who here shall be gathered unto their fathers; that their bodies may rest in holy ground. AMEN.

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, Thou first-begotten of the dead, who didst break the bands of death and rise triumphant from the grave; sanctify this resting-place of those who fall asleep in Thee; that, like Thine own holy sepulchre, it may be the gate of life eternal, and the entrance to the glory that excelleth. AMEN.

**O** HOLY Spirit, the Comforter, pour out the oil of Thy consolation on all hearts that sorrow here, that they may not sorrow as those that have no hope, but may be lifted up, from weeping at the tomb, to the promise and assurance of the blessed home above, whither our Saviour Christ hath gone before, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and Thee for evermore. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

**N**OW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

## ORDER FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

*The Congregation being assembled, the Minister shall say:*

**B**ELOVED in the Lord, we are met this day, in fellowship with our brethren throughout the British Commonwealth, to glorify God for His great mercies toward us; to remember with thanksgiving at His Throne of Grace all those who have laid down their lives for this Realm and Empire; and to ask His help that, in all the ways of our life, we may walk worthy of their sacrifice.

Let us worship God.

*A Psalm, Paraphrase or Hymn shall then be sung.*

*Thereafter, the People standing, the Minister shall say:*

**O**UR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come into His courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him all the earth.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no evil befall them.

Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

### I

Let us pray.

*Approach*

**A**Lmighty God, whose power the heavens and the earth and the sea proclaim, whose love

toward men is wondrously revealed in Jesus Christ, Thine only-begotten Son, and whose Spirit worketh everything that is good; we acknowledge Thine infinite majesty, and with heart and voice we glorify Thy name. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

*Confession*

**O** GOD, remembering the great things Thou hast done for us, we confess with shame that we are not worthy of Thy mercies toward us, or of the sufferings endured and the lives laid down in our defence. Still less are we worthy of the sacrifice of Thy blessed Son, who offered up Himself for our eternal salvation. We have sinned against Thee by our selfishness and ingratitude, by our disobedience and lack of faith. We have been forgetful of Thee, and have not fulfilled the vows which our lips uttered in the day of trouble. Yet now, as we repent of our sins, and are earnestly resolved to amend our ways, we beseech Thee to grant us Thy pardoning love in the Cross of Thy Son our Saviour.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art ever more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. AMEN.

**O** SAVIOUR of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving*

**A** LMIGHTY God, who in Thy great goodness hast brought us to this day, we thank Thee for Thy protecting love by which alone we were sustained in freedom. In the time of our trouble, when we cried unto Thee, Thou heardest us from heaven; and according to Thy manifold mercies Thou gavest us saviours who saved us out of the hands of our enemies. And for that ineffable deliverance, Thy great salvation from the powers of sin and death, which Thou hast wrought for us by Thy Son's dying on the Cross, and rising in triumph from the grave, we bless and praise Thy glorious name. AMEN.

*Supplication*

**G**RANT, O Lord, we humbly beseech Thee, that we, being mindful of all Thy benefits and heedful of our high calling, may yield ourselves in new obedience to Thy holy will, and live henceforth as those who are not their own, but are bought with a price; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reigneth with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

**II**

Let us pray.

*Intercession*

**A** LMIGHTY God, who by Thy holy Apostle hast commanded us to make prayers,

intercessions and giving of thanks, for all men: hear us, we beseech Thee, as in the name of Jesus Christ we pray for all mankind.

Most gracious God, who hast founded Thy Church upon earth to bring the world unto Thee; pour out upon Thy faithful people in this and in all lands the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind; that Thy Church, bearing bold and clear witness to the Lord Jesus Christ, may walk in unity, bring men everywhere to obedience of faith in Him, and lead them through righteousness to that promised day, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord; we pray for the reconciliation of the nations. Quench, we beseech Thee, by the influence of Thy Holy Spirit, the human passions and prejudices that keep alive the spirit of war. By Thy mighty power break every yoke of tyranny, and let the oppressed go free. Bring the peoples together in common trust and helpfulness; and give peace in our time, O Lord.

Heavenly Father, with whom are hid the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, who hast permitted men of our day to learn things kept secret since the foundation of the world; in mercy save Thy children from misusing these Thy gifts for selfish and destructive ends; and grant them grace to use them only for Thy glory and the good of mankind.

We pray for our country and empire. As Thou hast gathered our peoples together this day in hallowed remembrance, grant, O God, that we may remain united in faith and loyalty, and ever be mindful that our present privileges are the blood

of the men and women that went in jeopardy of their lives. Bestow Thy blessing on Thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Endow the Queen's counsellors, and all in authority, with the spirit of wisdom and truth; and so rule their hearts and bless their endeavours that in all the British lands and dominions law, order, and righteous government may be established, and godly prosperity ensured.

For teachers, and all who influence by their words and works the lives of others, we pray that Thou wouldst grant them such grace that, by their spiritual witness and Christian example, a generation may arise with Thy truth in their hearts, to walk in love, and to labour for the advancement of Thy kingdom.

For our sailors, soldiers and airmen, and for the members of the Women's Services we pray, that Thou wouldst shield them in time of danger, and make them strong to defend the right.

Father of mercies, we commend to Thy compassion our brethren in trouble, anxiety or distress; and, especially at this time, the maimed and wounded, and all who must carry through the years a burden of suffering. Extend to them Thy healing and help. Let not our gratefulness fail or grow weary; but deepen our sympathy, that we may bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Visit with Thy comfort the sorrowful and the bereaved, especially those to whose hearts this day brings back the proud but grievous memory of loved ones fallen on the field of honour, and grant them Thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving for the faithful departed*

**O** ALMIGHTY Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh; we give Thee thanks for all thy saints, and faithful servants, but especially this day for those who laid down their lives for our sake, whom Thou hast gathered into the peace of Thy presence. Fulfil in them, we beseech Thee, the purpose of Thy love, that the good work which Thou didst begin in them may be perfected unto the day of Christ's appearing. Let the memory of their devotion be ever an example to us, that we may be taught to live by them who learned to die; and that at last we, being faithful unto death, may receive with them the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be glory and dominion forever. AMEN.

**III**

Let us pray.

*Illumination*

**K**INDLE in our hearts, O Lord and Lover of men, the pure light of Thy divine knowledge, and open our minds to the understanding of Thy Gospel. And grant that having learned Thy blessed will, we may continue in Thine obedience unto our lives; end, to the glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**IV**

Let us pray.

*Dedication*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who by the death of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ hast destroyed death, and by



His glorious resurrection hast brought life and immortality to light; receive, we beseech Thee, our unfeigned thanks for that victory over death and the grave, which He hath obtained for us and for all who sleep in Him. Keep us in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Thee on earth, and with all that are around Thee in heaven, in union with Him who is the resurrection and the life, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

**T**EACH us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, and is worshipped and glorified with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. AMEN.

OUR Father . . .

*Then shall the Minister say:*

God save the Queen.

*After which the National Anthem shall be sung; and thereafter the Service shall end with the Benediction.*

## IV. PRAYERS FOR THE SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

*Full services for use on the Christian Festivals are  
given in the volume 'Prayers for the Christian Year'.*



## ADVENT

**O**UR God shall come, and shall not keep silence. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people. And the heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is Judge Himself.

### I

**A**Lmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. AMEN.

### 2

**B**LESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

### 3

**O**LORD Jesus Christ, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee; grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy

second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

## 4

**O** LORD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Thy Son our Lord. AMEN.

## CHRISTMAS DAY

**L**ET us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

## I

**M**OST merciful God, who hast so loved the world as to give Thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life; vouchsafe unto us, we humbly pray Thee, the precious gift of faith, whereby we may know that the Son of God is come; and, being always rooted and grounded in the mystery of the Word made flesh, may have power to overcome the world, and gain the blessed

immortality of heaven; through the merits of the same incarnate Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

## 2

**A**LMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him and to be born of a pure Virgin; grant that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit after the image of this same blessed and glorious Christ; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

## 3

**O** GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thy only Son Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.

## 4

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who by the birth of Thy Holy One into the world didst give Thy true light to dawn upon our darkness; grant that as Thou hast given us to believe in the mystery of His incarnation, and hast made us partakers of the divine nature, so in the time to come we may ever abide with Him, in the glory of His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving*

## 1

**G**LORY to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. Glory be to Thee, O Father Almighty, who by the nativity of Thine only-begotten Son hast shined into our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of Thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal God, who as on this day wast born into the world, that Thou mightest redeem us from sin and death, and make us sons of God. Glory be to Thee, O Holy Spirit the Comforter, who hast quickened us together with Christ, that we might dwell with Him in heavenly peace. All glory and thanks, dominion and power, be unto Thee, O blessed Trinity, one God, world without end. AMEN.

## 2

**G**LORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee; we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, art most high in the glory of God the Father. AMEN.

*or the* MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST  
TO THE GENTILES

**W**E have seen His star in the east, and are come  
to worship Him.

## I

**O** GOD, who by the shining of a star didst guide  
the wise men to behold Thy Son, our Lord;  
show us Thy heavenly light, and give us grace to  
follow until we find Him, and, finding Him, rejoice.  
And grant that as they presented gold, frankin-  
cense, and myrrh, we now may bring Him the offer-  
ing of a loving heart, an adoring spirit, and an  
obedient will, for His honour, and for Thy glory,  
O God Most High. AMEN.

## 2

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, the bright-  
ness of faithful souls, who didst bring the  
Gentiles to Thy light; fill the world with Thy glory,  
and shew Thyself by the radiance of Thy light to the  
nations that are subject unto Thee; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 3

**O** GOD, who by the guidance of a star didst  
manifest to the Gentiles the glory of Thine  
only-begotten Son; grant us grace that, being led  
by the light of Thy Holy Spirit, we may, in adoring  
love and lowliest reverence, yield ourselves to Thy  
service; that Thy kingdom of righteousness and  
peace may be advanced among all nations, to the  
glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.



## LENT

**R**END your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## I

**O** LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey Thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to Thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.

## 2

**M**OST gracious God, we beseech Thee to preserve us from the cares of life, lest we be too much entangled therein. Keep us from being ensnared by the pleasures of this world, and from whatever may be a hindrance to holy living; give us strength to resist, patience to endure, and constancy to persevere; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 3

**A**LMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 4

**O** GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; grant us, we beseech Thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure, that, when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Spirit, He liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

## 5

**B**LESSED Lord, who for our sakes wast content to bear sorrow and want and death; grant unto us such a measure of Thy Spirit that we may follow Thee in Thy courage and self-denial, and help us by Thy great love to succour the afflicted, to relieve the needy and the destitute, to share the burdens of the heavy-laden, and to see Thee in all who are poor and desolate; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for evermore. AMEN.

## PALM SUNDAY\*

**B**EHOLD the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world.

## I

**A**SSIST us mercifully with Thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that with reverence and devotion we may meditate on those mighty acts, whereby Thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 2

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 3

**O**LORD Jesus Christ, who as on this day didst enter the rebellious city where Thou wast to die; enter into our hearts, we beseech Thee, and subdue them wholly to Thyself. And as Thy faithful disciples blessed Thy coming, and spread their garments in the way, covering it with palm branches, make us ready to lay at Thy feet all that we have and are, and to bless Thee, O Thou who comest in the name of the Lord. And grant that after having confessed and worshipped Thee upon earth, we may

\* *For the days of Holy Week see 'Prayers for the Christian Year'.*

be among the number of those who shall hail Thine eternal triumph, and bear in their hands the palms of victory, when every knee shall bow before Thee, and every tongue confess that Thou art Lord, to the glory of God the Father. AMEN.

## 4

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who didst set Thy face steadfastly to go unto Jerusalem; deliver us from the faithless mind that shrinks from the harder paths of a dutiful life. Make us ready to meet all the counsels of Thy will, and to be obedient even unto death; who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, world without end. AMEN.

## GOOD FRIDAY

**G**OD commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

## I

**O** SAVIOUR of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. AMEN.

## 2

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who for our sakes didst suffer death upon the Cross, help us to bear about with us Thy dying, and, in our living, to shew forth Thy life.

Looking on Thee whom we have pierced, we would mourn for our sins with unfeigned sorrow; we would learn of Thee to forgive, with Thee to suffer, and in Thee to overcome.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Lord, we pray Thee, in Thy great mercy, remember us when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. AMEN.

## 3

**A**LMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross; who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving*

**W**ORTHY is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. AMEN.

## EASTER DAY

**T**HE Lord is risen indeed: Hallelujah.

I am He that liveth, and was dead, saith the Lord; and behold, I am alive for evermore. Hallelujah.

## I

**A**LMIGHTY God, who broughtest again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the glorious Prince of Salvation, with everlasting victory over sin and the grave; grant us power, we beseech Thee, to rise with Him to newness of life, that we may overcome the world with the victory of faith, and have part at last in the resurrection of the just; through the merits of the same risen Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

## 2

**O** THOU God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; we render Thee most humble and hearty thanks, that Thou didst raise Thine only-begotten Son from the dead, and set Him at Thine own right hand in the heavenly places. Grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to apprehend with true faith the glorious mystery of His resurrection; and fill our hearts with joy and with a lively hope that, amid all the sorrows, trials, and temptations of our mortal state, and in the hour of death, we may be strengthened and sustained by this sure pledge of an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 3

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst raise up Thy Son and give Him glory, that our faith and hope might be in Thee; quicken us, we beseech Thee, by Thy mighty power, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, and cause us to set our affection on things above; so that we may, at the last, have part in the resurrection of the just, and in the glory of Thy heavenly kingdom, whither Jesus the forerunner is for us entered; where also He liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, God blessed for ever. AMEN.

## 4

**O** GOD, who through the mighty resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ from the dead, hast delivered us from the power of darkness into the kingdom of Thy love; grant, we beseech Thee, that

as by His death He has recalled us into life, so by His presence ever abiding in us He may raise us to joys eternal; through Him who for our sakes died and rose again, and is ever with us in power and great glory, even the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 5

**B**LESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away; to whom with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Spirit, one blessed Trinity, be ascribed all honour, might, majesty and dominion, now and for ever. AMEN.

## 6

**O**LORD our God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst not suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption, but didst raise Him from the dead and give Him glory; we praise Thy name that He lives for ever in the power of an endless life, and that death hath no more dominion over Him. Mercifully grant that His work in the souls of men may be continued in this present age, redeeming us from evil and enabling us to walk in newness of life; and give us joyful confidence in Thy blessed promise of the fullness of His victory and dominion in the age to come; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving*

**O** MAGNIFY the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

**P**RAISE be to Thee, O Father Almighty, who didst raise up Thy Son from the dead and give Him glory, that our faith and hope might be in Thee. Praise be to Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who as on this day by Thy glorious resurrection didst bring life and immortality to light. Praise be to Thee, O Holy Spirit of God, who dost shed abroad the love of Christ in our hearts, and makest us to rejoice in the hope of glory. All praise and thanks, dominion and power be unto Thee, O holy and blessed Trinity, now and for evermore. AMEN.

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

**L**IFT up your heads, O ye gates: even lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of glory.

## I

**G**RANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.



## 2

**O** GOD, the King of Glory, who hast exalted Thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph into Thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech Thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us Thy Holy Spirit to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ hath gone before; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.

## 3

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, Thou conqueror of death and hell, who from the depths of Thy humiliation didst pass into the heavens, and art crowned with glory and honour; let Thy all-powerful intercession prevail on our behalf, that, being delivered from the curse of sin, we may follow Thee with patient endurance through the sorrows and pains of this mortal life, and become partakers of Thy joy and glory in the everlasting kingdom of the Father; to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit be glory and honour, world without end. AMEN.

## 4

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who hast left us for a while, giving us the promise that Thou wilt come again, and receive us to abide with Thee for ever; grant us such communion with Thyself that our souls may be continually athirst for that time when we shall behold Thee in Thy glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving*

**B**LESSED art Thou, O Lord God Almighty, the Ancient of days, who hast set Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord upon the glorious throne of Thy kingdom; that He who hath worn our flesh, and borne our manhood into the holy of holies, should henceforth pour down heavenly gifts upon His brethren, and be both our righteous judge and most merciful intercessor; to whom with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Spirit, one God, be ascribed all might, majesty, dominion, and praise, now and for ever. AMEN.

## WHITSUNDAY

**I**T shall come to pass, saith the Lord, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh.

Jesus saith to His disciples, I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever: even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you.

Wilt Thou not revive us again, O Lord, that Thy people may rejoice and be glad in Thee?

## I

**G**OD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.

## 2

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast sent down the Holy Spirit upon Thy people, endowing them with His manifold gifts, and knitting them together in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son; grant unto us grace to use those Thy gifts alway to Thy honour and glory, and to abound in faith, hope, and charity, waiting for Thy Son from heaven; that when He shall appear, we, with all Thy saints, may be found of Him in peace, and by Him may be presented before Thy glorious presence with exceeding joy; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

## 3

**G**OD of all peace and consolation, who didst gloriously fulfil the great promise of the Gospel by sending down the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, to establish the Church as the house of His continual presence and power among men; mercifully grant unto us, we beseech Thee, this same gift of the Spirit, to renew, illuminate, refresh, and sanctify our souls; to be over us and around us like the light and dew of heaven, and to be in us evermore as a well of water springing up into everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 4

**G**OD, who dost sanctify Thy universal Church in every race and nation; shed abroad throughout the whole world the gift of the Holy Spirit; that the work wrought by His power at the first

preaching of the Gospel may now be extended among all believing hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving*

**T**O Thee, O Christ, O King exalted, we offer up our due praise and unfeigned thanks for that Thou hast sent down and dispersed abroad Thine own Holy Spirit to restore and renew the spirit of men, to be the first dedication of Thy Catholic Church on earth and the first publishing of the Gospel to all lands, the bond of unity, and giver of light and life; to whom with the Father and Thee, one blessed Trinity, be ascribed all might, majesty, dominion, and praise, now and for ever. AMEN.

TRINITY SUNDAY

**H**OLY, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

I

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us Thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities; who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. AMEN.

## 2

**O** GOD of unchangeable power and eternal light; look favourably on Thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and, by the tranquil operation of Thy perpetual providence, carry out the work of man's salvation; and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and all things are returning to perfection, through Him from whom they took their origin, even through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 3

**A**LMIGHTY God, whom by searching we cannot find out unto perfection, but who in Jesus Christ hast revealed Thyself as Father, and who by Thy Spirit hast borne witness that we are joint-heirs with Christ; help us to confess our faith in Thee our Father by living as Thy children, our faith in Thy Son by following in His steps, and our faith in Thy Holy Spirit by our obedience to His light within our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving*

**G**LORY, thanks, and praise be to the Father, holy and eternal, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory, thanks, and praise be to the holy and eternal Son, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

Glory, thanks, and praise be to the holy and eternal Spirit, the renewer, sanctifier, and comforter of our souls.

Glory, thanks, and praise be to the blessed and undivided Trinity, one God for evermore.

All Thy works praise Thee, O God; and Thy saints shall bless Thee. Glory and majesty, thanksgiving and praise, be unto Thee, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS  
AND THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**T**HE souls of the righteous are in the hand of God.

One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts.

I

**O** THOU King of saints, who hast manifested Thy wonderful love and power in the lives and deaths of Thy redeemed and holy ones of old; grant that we, like them, may have grace to glorify Thee, loving Thee whom they have loved, and finding Thee whom they have found; and may come to dwell with them and with Thee for ever, in the gladness of Thy glorious presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

2

**A**LMIGHTY God, who holdest in Thy hand the souls of the righteous; we give Thee thanksgiving and praise for all the generations of the faithful, who have served Thee here in godliness and love, and who dwell for ever in Thy presence. We bless Thee for all who have enriched the world with

truth and beauty, who have laboured in the service of their fellows, who have done great things for Thee and for Thy Church, and have handed on to us our gracious heritage. We bless Thee for all near and dear to us, for our fathers and mothers, our brothers and sisters, for those who have helped and defended, and loved and cherished us. Grant that all the good we have seen and known in them may continue to inspire and guide us; that we may always love them and hallow their memory; and that, when we have fulfilled our time on earth, we may have part with them in Thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 3

**O** KING eternal, immortal, invisible, who in the righteousness of Thy saints hast given us an example of godly life, and in their blessedness a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; we beseech Thee that, being compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, we may run with patience the race that is set before us, and with them receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 4

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 5

**G**OD, whom the glorious companies of the re-deemed adore, assembled from all times and places of Thy dominion: we praise Thee for the saints of our own land who stand before Thee, and for the many lamps their holiness hath lit; and that we may be numbered at the last with them, grant us, O Lord, to serve Thee humbly as they served on earth, and to love Thee as they deeply loved; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 6

**O** GOD, who by the lives and preaching of Thy blessed servants in olden time didst open to our fathers in this land the kingdom of truth, righteousness, and love; grant that we, having in remembrance their lives and labours, may follow the example of their zeal and patience; and, as we have received the knowledge of Thy truth and the gifts of Thy bounty, give us wisdom to use our sacred heritage to the increase of Thy Church among us, and to the glory of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## ST. ANDREW'S DAY

*A full service will be found in 'Prayers for the Christian Year'.*

**A**Lmighty God, who didst give such grace unto Thy holy Apostle, Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him without delay; grant unto us all that we, being called by Thy holy word, may forthwith give ourselves obediently to fulfil Thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.





## V. PRAYERS FOR OCCASIONAL AND SPECIAL USE



## FOR ALL OCCASIONS

**P**REVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, who hast created us for Thyself, so that we can find rest only in Thee; grant unto us such purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Thy will, no weakness from doing it; but in Thy light may we see light clearly, and in Thy service find perfect freedom; for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

**B**E Thou, O God, our protection, who art our redemption; direct our minds by Thy gracious presence, and watch over our paths with guiding love; that among the snares which lie hidden in this path wherein we walk, we may so pass onward with hearts fixed on Thee, that by the track of faith we may come to be where Thou wouldest have us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**T**EACH us, good Lord, to serve Thee as thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us; for the worthiness of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. AMEN.

**L**ORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** MOST loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of Thee, and to cast all our care upon Thee who carest for us; preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties; and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which Thou hast manifested unto us in Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

#### FOR MORNING

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, Lord of all power and might, preserver of all Thy creatures; keep us this day in health of body and soundness of mind, in purity of heart and cheerfulness of spirit, in contentment with our lot and charity with our neighbour; and further all our lawful undertakings with Thy blessing. In our labour strengthen us: in our pleasure purify us: in our difficulties direct us: in our perils defend us: in our troubles comfort us: and supply all our needs, according to the riches of Thy grace in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

**D**EFEND, O Lord, us Thy servants with Thy heavenly grace, that we may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until we come to Thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** LORD of all good life, we pray Thee to purify our lives. Help us each day to know more of Thee, and by the power of Thy Spirit use us to shew forth Thyself to others. Make us humble, brave, and loving; make us ready for adventure. We do not ask that Thou wilt keep us safe, but keep us ever loyal to the example of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**O** GOD, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## FOR EVENING

**B**E present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may repose upon Thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**I**NTO thy hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all whom we love, beseeching Thee to keep us under the shadow of Thy wings. Drive far from us every evil thing; give Thine angels charge over us; guard us ever, in life and in death, that whether we wake or sleep we may live together with Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, with whom there is no darkness, but the night shineth as the day; keep and defend us and all Thy children, in soul and body, during the coming night. Make us to rest in the peace of a good conscience, in the hope of a better life, in the faith of Thy providence, and in the comfort of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** LORD our God, we pray Thee at this evening hour to take us, and all whom we love, into Thy holy keeping, that no evil may befall us, or any plague come nigh our dwelling.

Be pleased to cover our sins with Thy mercy, as Thou dost cover the earth with Thy darkness; and grant that as our bodies are refreshed with quiet sleep, so our souls may rest in the confidence of Thy forgiving mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.



**A**BIDE with us, O Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Teach us so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; and because we know neither the day nor the hour of Thy coming, give us grace to live in such a state that we shall not fear to die therein; so that when Thou comest, whether at even, or at midnight, or in the morning, Thou mayest find us ready; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY God, by whose order and will night and darkness are drawing on, we beseech Thee of Thy lovingkindness mercifully to take us under Thy protection, that the powers of darkness may not come near us; and when we take our sleep for the body's need, may our hearts and minds rest in Thee, so that, whether we wake or sleep, we be not children of the night nor of darkness, but children of light and of the day; for Thou, O God, art perfect light and perfect love; and to Thee we ascribe all praise and glory, now and ever. AMEN.

**H**EAVENLY Father, who slumberest not nor sleepest; we commend to Thy gracious care and keeping ourselves and all who belong to us. We thank Thee for the light of this day, and now for the restful night. Lift from our minds the burdens of waking hours; visit our bodies with refreshing sleep; through the darkness keep us safe and undefiled. And wake us to meet to-morrow's duties in strength of body and vigour of mind, with peace in our souls and courage in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, who hast appointed the day for labour and the night for rest, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so rest in peace and quietness during the coming night, that afterward we may go forth to our appointed labours. Take us into Thy holy keeping, so that no evil may befall us nor any ill come nigh our dwelling. And when at length our days are ended and our work is finished in this world, grant that we may depart in Thy peace and in the sure hope of that glorious kingdom where there is day without night, and light without darkness, and life without the shadow of death for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** LORD God Almighty, who hast lit the day with the sun's light, and brightened the night with shining stars; enlighten our souls for ever with the healing beams of the Sun of Righteousness who is risen upon us; and so preserve us at all times in the doing of Thy will, that at the last we may shine as the stars for ever and ever. Grant this for the honour of Thine only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, who hast drawn over weary day the restful veil of night, enfold us in Thy heavenly peace. Lift from our hands our tasks, and bear in Thy bosom the weight of our burdens and sorrows; that in untroubled slumber we may press our weariness close to Thy strength, and win from Thee new power for the morrow's labours; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## FOR SEASONS OF THE NATURAL YEAR

[Full services for *End of Year*, *Watchnight*, *New Year*, and *Harvest* are given in the volume 'Prayers for the Christian Year']

*End of Year*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast been the dwelling-place of Thy people in all generations, and who in Thy mercy hast brought us to the close of another year; we praise Thee for all the way by which Thou hast led us, and we humbly beseech Thee to continue to us Thy lovingkindness. Help us to cast our weakness on Thy strength, that amid all the changes of this transitory life we may rest ourselves on Thine unchangeableness. We lament that in the closing year there has been so much to fill us with shame. Pardon our offences, we beseech Thee, and as Thou dost commit to us the solemn trust of life, help us to walk in watchfulness, redeeming the time, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*New Year*

ETERNAL God, who of old hast laid the foundation of the earth, and whose word is forever settled in the heavens; whose mercy is from everlasting, and rises anew in the morning of another year; give us grace to arise into Christ Thy Son, who is our morning light; and grant that in all the years of our pilgrimage, walking by faith in Him, we may put on strength, and be enabled to persevere in the way of life unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Seed-Time*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast promised, in Thy mercy, that seed-time and harvest shall not cease, and hast blessed the earth, that it should be fruitful and bring forth all that is needful for the life of man; bless the labours of those who till and sow the fields, and grant such seasonable weather that they may gather the fruits of the earth, and evermore rejoice in Thy goodness, to the praise of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*During Harvest*

**O** GOD, our heavenly Father, who by Thy gracious providence hast made the earth to bring forth her fruits for our use in this Thine appointed time; we most humbly beseech Thee to bless this season, that the harvest Thou hast bestowed may be safely gathered in, for the comfort of Thy children, and the glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving for Harvest*

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, the fountain of all goodness, who openest Thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing; we give Thee thanks and praise that in Thy mercy Thou hast brought us through the circuit of another year, and that, according to Thy promise, seed-time and harvest have not ceased. We bless Thee that Thou hast crowned the year with Thy goodness, and hast bestowed upon us the kindly fruits of the earth. We pray Thee to grant us grace that we may receive them thankfully and use them carefully,

for our own comfort, for the relief of those that are needy, and for the glory of Thy name. Teach us to remember that it is not by bread alone that man doth live, and grant us evermore to feed on Him who is the true bread from heaven, even Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Anniversary Service*

**O** GOD, who hast promised to be present with Thy Church even unto the end of the world; we thank Thee for this House builded (of old) to Thine honour and glory. For the faith and life and worship for which it has witnessed (during the centuries), for the love which Thou hast manifested to Thy people here (from age to age), for the blessing which Thou hast vouchsafed to them in worship and in work, and for all who in this place have testified to things unseen and eternal, and handed on the light of truth from generation to generation: glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

Guide and bless Thy people still, we beseech Thee; increase in them the spirit of faith and love; make them worthy of the heritage they have received; knit them together in the communion of Thy saints; and grant that this place may be unto all who worship here none other than the House of God and the gate of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## VI. PRAYERS FOR SPECIAL GRACES



### *For Absolution*

**G**RANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given Thy Son to be the sacrifice and propitiation for the sins of the whole world; spare Thou Thy servants who confess their faults before Thee, and mercifully absolve them from all their sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Thee; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### *For Knowledge of God*

**O** THOU who art the Light of the minds that know Thee, the Life of the souls that love Thee, and the Strength of the wills that serve Thee; help us so to know Thee that we may truly love Thee, so to love Thee that we may fully serve Thee, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### *For Faith*

**O** GOD, thou King eternal, immortal, invisible, the blessed and only Potentate; may we, who cannot see Thee with the eye of flesh, behold Thee steadfastly with the eye of faith; that we faint not



under the manifold temptations and afflictions of this mortal life, but may endure, as seeing Thee who art invisible; that after we have done and suffered Thy will upon the earth, we may behold Thy vision in heaven, and be partakers of those joys unspeakable which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Hope*

**O** EVER-LOVING God, who hast set us in a world of mystery; suffer us not to be cast down or dismayed, but keep alive in us by Thy grace the hope which maketh not ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD of hope; fill Thy children with all joy and peace in believing, that in this world of mystery we be not cast down nor dismayed, but may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit; and grant that we may so lay hold of the hope set before us, that it may be to us an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Love*

**O** GOD, the God of all goodness and of all grace, who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand; fill our hearts, we beseech Thee, with such love towards Thee, that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or to suffer in obedience to Thy will; and grant that thus loving

Thee, we may become daily more like unto Thee, and finally obtain the crown of life which Thou hast promised to those that love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send Thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee; grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

**O** GOD of love, who hast given a new commandment through Thine only-begotten Son, that we should love one another even as Thou didst love us, the unworthy and the wandering, and gavest Thy beloved Son for our life and salvation; we pray Thee, Lord, give to Thy servants, in all time of our life on earth, a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**B**LESSED Lord, who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another, and hast taught us that where envy and strife are, there is confusion and every evil work; give unto us Thy servants grace, that we may be kindly affectioned one to another. Enable us to put away all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and evil-speaking, with all malice; and grant that in honour preferring one another, we may walk in love, even as Thou, Lord, didst love us and give Thyself for us. AMEN.

*For Grace*

**O** GOD, the Strength of all them that put their trust in Thee; mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Joy*

**O** GOD, who hast made the heaven and the earth and all that is good and lovely therein, and hast shewn us through Jesus, our Lord, that the secret of joy is a heart set free from selfish desires; help us to find delight in simple things and ever to rejoice in the richness of Thy bounty; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Guidance and Protection*

**O** GOD, by whom the meek are guided in judgement, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; grant us, in our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what Thou wouldest have us to do; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in Thy light we may see light, and in Thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Strength*

**O** GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Diligence*

**O** GOD, who by the example of Thy dear Son hast warned us that we should do Thy works while it is day, before the night cometh when no man can work; keep us from sloth and idleness, and from the misuse of those talents which Thou hast committed to our trust. Enable us to perform the several duties of our state and calling with such care and diligence, that our work may never be reprov'd in Thy sight; and forasmuch as the needful business of this life is apt to steal away our hearts from Thee, give us grace to remember that we have a Master in heaven, and to do everything in singleness of heart, as unto Thee and not unto men, that of Thee we may receive the reward of the inheritance, which Thou hast promised in Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*For Zeal*

**O** GOD, the sovereign good of the soul, who requirest the hearts of all Thy children; deliver us from all sloth in Thy work, all coldness in Thy cause; and grant us by looking unto Thee to rekindle our love, and by waiting upon Thee to renew our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For a Spiritual Mind*

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto Thy people that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, in whose favour is life, and in whose presence there is fullness of peace and joy; vouchsafe unto us, we beseech Thee, such an abiding sense of the reality and glory of the things unseen and eternal, as may serve to raise us above the vanity of the things that are seen and temporal; so that, under Thy guidance and by Thy help, all things here may work together for our everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Purity*

**A**LMIGHTY God, most holy Father, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; let Thy gracious and holy Spirit descend upon Thy servants; that no impure thoughts may pollute that soul which Thou hast sanctified, no impure words pollute that tongue which Thou hast ordained an organ of Thy praise, no impure action rend the veil of that temple which Thou hast chosen for an habitation; but grant that our hearts being entirely filled with the love of Thee, we may be enabled to overcome the temptations of this present world, and finally be made partakers of the glories of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Peace of Heart*

**O** GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us Thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. AMEN.

**S**ET free, O Lord, the souls of Thy servants from all restlessness and anxiety; give us the peace and power that flow from Thee; and in all perplexity and distress, so keep us that we, upheld by Thy strength and stayed on the rock of Thy faithfulness, may abide in Thee now and evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Temperance*

**A**LMIGHTY God, gracious Father of men, who openest Thine hand and fillest all things with plenty; teach us to use the gifts of Thy providence soberly and temperately. Grant, O Lord, that the blessings which Thou givest us may neither minister to sin nor to sickness, but to health and holiness and thanksgiving; that in the strength of Thy provision we may faithfully and diligently serve Thee here, and be accounted worthy to be made partakers of Thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Reverence*

**G**RANT to us, O Lord, to know that which is worth knowing, to love that which is worth loving, to praise that which pleaseth Thee best, to prize that which is precious to Thee, and to hate all that is evil in Thine eyes; and grant us true judgement, and above all that we search out and do what is well pleasing unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast made us in Thine image; grant unto us a devout reverence for all Thy works. Pour into our hearts a true love for all who are called by Thy name. Quicken our souls that we may at all times be sensible of Thy presence; and make us, day by day, more fit to see Thee hereafter as Thou art in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Courage*

**O** SAVIOUR, who didst set Thy face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem to Thy Cross and passion; help us, Thy weak and wavering disciples, to be firm and resolute in doing those things that lie before us. Help us to overcome difficulties and to persevere in spite of failures. When we are weary and disheartened and ready to give in, do Thou fill us with fresh courage and strength, and keep us faithful to our work; for Thy name's sake. AMEN.

*For Fortitude*

**O** HEAVENLY Father, the Father of all wisdom, understanding, and true strength; we beseech Thee, look mercifully upon us, and send Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts; that when we must join to fight in the field, for the defence of Thy holy name, then, being strengthened with the defence of Thy right hand, we may manfully stand in the confession of Thy faith and truth, and continue in the same unto the end; through our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*For Truthfulness*

**A** LMIGHTY God, who hast sent the Spirit of Truth unto us to guide us into all truth; so rule our lives by Thy power, that we may be truthful in word and deed and thought. Keep us, most merciful Saviour, with Thy gracious protection, that no fear or hope may ever make us false in act or speech. Cast out from us whatsoever loveth or maketh a lie, and bring us all into the perfect freedom of Thy truth; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. AMEN.

*For a Tranquil Spirit*

**O** LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work done. Then, Lord, in Thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.





## VII. SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS



### *For the Church*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who hast loved Thy people with an everlasting love, and purchased them unto thyself with the blood of Thy dear Son; favourably regard, we beseech Thee, Thy Church and congregation, and confirm them evermore with all spiritual gifts. Endue Thy ministers with wisdom and faith, with love and zeal, that they may diligently and wisely perform the work of the Lord to which they are called. And grant that the whole company of the faithful may be steadfast in the faith, abounding in hope, of one heart and of one mind, and filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

**O** LORD, without whom our labour is but lost, and with whom Thy little ones go forth as the mighty; be present to all works in Thy Church which are undertaken according to Thy will, and grant to Thy labourers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth, and the bliss of serving Thee in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### *For Christian Unity*

**O** GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one body, and one Spirit, and one hope

of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst unto Thine apostles, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will, who livest and reignest for ever and ever. AMEN.

**O** GOD of Peace, who through Thy Son Jesus Christ didst set forth one faith for the salvation of mankind; send Thy grace and heavenly blessing upon all Christian people who are striving to draw nearer to Thee and to each other, in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace. Give us boldness to seek only Thy glory and the advancement of Thy Kingdom. Unite us all in Thee as Thou, O Father, with Thy Son and the Holy Spirit, art One God, world without end. AMEN.

**O** GOD, the physician of men and nations, the restorer of the years that have been destroyed; look upon the distractions of the world, and be pleased to complete the work of Thy healing hand; draw all men unto Thee and one to another by the bands of Thy love; make Thy Church one, and fill it with Thy Spirit, that by Thy power it may unite the world in a sacred brotherhood of nations, wherein justice, mercy and faith, truth and freedom may flourish, and Thou mayest be ever glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Christian Missions*

**O** GOD, our heavenly Father, who didst manifest Thy love by sending Thine only-begotten Son into the world that all might live through Him; pour Thy Spirit upon Thy Church, that it may fulfil His command to preach the Gospel to every creature; send forth, we beseech Thee, labourers into Thy harvest; make them glad with abundance of increase; and hasten the time when the fullness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and all Israel shall be saved; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** LORD, who hast warned us that Thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given; grant that we, whose lot is cast in so goodly a heritage, may strive together the more abundantly, by our prayers, labours, and gifts, to extend to those who know Thee not what we so richly enjoy; and as we have entered into the labours of others, so to labour that others may enter into ours, to the fulfilment of Thy holy will, and the salvation of all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, who didst send the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, to teach them and lead them into all truth, that they might go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; pour out, we beseech Thee, the same Holy Spirit upon Thy Church, that it may send forth the good tidings of great joy unto all people. Revive Thy work, O Lord; raise up labourers, and strengthen their hands, that they may tell of salvation unto the ends of the world. Bless with the mighty aid of the Holy Spirit those who now work to the glory of Thy name in

distant lands. Give them faithfulness and courage, and take out of their way all hindrances. Hasten the time, O Lord, for the coming of Thy kingdom, and for the gathering in of all nations unto Thee. And while we pray for the outward growth of Thy kingdom in the world, we pray also for its inward growth in the hearts of men; and especially for our own Church and country, that true religion may abound unto all righteousness and peace; through Thine only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast called the Church out of the world that she might bring the world to Thee; make her faithful, we beseech Thee, in the work Thou hast entrusted to her hands. Bless and uphold Thy servants who are gone forth in her name to preach the Gospel in distant lands; be with them in all perils by land or by water, in weariness and painfulness, in discouragement and persecution; endue them with power from on high; and so prosper their labours by Thy Holy Spirit, that the fullness of the Gentiles may be gathered in, and that all Israel may be saved. Stir up the hearts of Thy people here and everywhere, that by their prayers, gifts, and labours, they may have due part in the spreading of Thy Gospel over all the earth; and hasten the time when all the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Missions to the Jews*

**O** LORD God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob; look in Thy mercy on Thine ancient people Israel, and take away the veil from their hearts, that they may behold in Thine only-begotten Son their true Messiah; that the promises made unto their fathers may be fulfilled unto them, and that in them all the kindreds of the earth may be blessed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY Father, who art afflicted in the afflictions of Thy children; may it please Thee to look upon the Jews in their suffering and persecution. Lead them, we beseech Thee, even by the way of peril and pain, to the feet of Him who waits and longs to bless them with His comfort and His peace; and touch to sympathy with them the hearts of those who have it in their power to assuage fear and relieve distress; for Thy mercy's sake. AMEN.

**O** MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou has made; have mercy upon Thine ancient people, the Jews. Take, we beseech Thee, from every nation all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word, that Jew and Gentile may together become one flock under one Shepherd, united in one holy bond of brotherhood and peace; for the honour of Thy blessed Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN.



*For the Coming of God's Kingdom*

**O** THOU King eternal, immortal, invisible, Thou only wise God our Saviour; hasten, we beseech Thee, the coming of Thy kingdom upon earth, and draw the whole world of mankind into willing obedience to Thy blessed reign. Overcome all the enemies of Christ, and bring low every power that is exalted against Him. Cast out all the evil things which cause wars and fightings among us, and let Thy Spirit rule the hearts of men in righteousness and love. Build Thou the old wastes, and repair the desolations of many generations, that the wilderness may rejoice, and the city be made glad with Thy law. Establish every work that is founded on truth and equity, and fulfil all the hopes and desires of Thy people, through the victory of Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For the General Assembly*

**A** LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by Thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the first assembly of the apostles and elders at Jerusalem, and hast promised to be with Thy Church alway unto the end of the world; vouchsafe, we pray Thee, unto Thy servants met in General Assembly Thy gracious presence and blessing. Deliver them from error, pride, and prejudice; enlighten them with wisdom from above; and so order all their doings, that Thy kingdom may be advanced, and Thy ministers and congregations established in their most holy faith; until at length all Thy people shall be gathered into one fold of the great Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom be glory for ever. AMEN.

*For the Nation and the Commonwealth*

**A**LMIGHTY God, King of kings, and Lord of lords, from whom proceed all power and dominion in heaven and earth; most heartily we beseech Thee to look with favour upon Thy servant, our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth, and all in authority over us. Imbue them with the spirit of wisdom, goodness, and truth; and so rule their hearts and bless their endeavours, that law and order, justice and peace, may everywhere prevail. Preserve us from public calamities; from pestilence and famine; from war, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; and from all national sins and corruptions. Make us strong and great in the fear of God, and in the love of righteousness; so that, being blessed of Thee, we may become a blessing to all nations, to the praise of the glory of Thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**E**TERNAL God, who rulest in the kingdoms of men; grant, we most humbly beseech Thee, honour and safety to Thy servant, our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth; peace throughout the commonwealth of her peoples; promotion to true religion; encouragement to learning and godly living; and, by all these, glory to Thy holy name; for His sake, to whom Thou hast given all power in heaven and earth, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast joined in a single empire divers peoples and far-sundered lands under our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth; grant Thou that liberty, peace, and joy inhabit all its borders; and bind it one in service to mankind and loyalty to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who rulest in the kingdoms of men, and hast given to Thy servant, our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth, a great dominion in all parts of the earth; draw together, we pray Thee, in true fellowship the men of divers races, languages, and customs, who dwell therein; that, bearing one another's burdens, and working together in brotherly concord, they may fulfil the purpose of Thy providence, and set forward Thy everlasting kingdom. Pardon, we beseech Thee, our sins and shortcomings; keep far from us all selfishness and pride; and give us grace to employ Thy good gifts of order and freedom to Thy glory and the welfare of mankind; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. AMEN.

*For Brotherhood among the Nations*

**O** GOD, who hast made man in Thine own likeness, and who dost love all whom Thou hast made; teach us the unity of Thy family and the breadth of Thy love. By the example of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour, enable us, while loving and serving our own, to enter into the fellowship of the whole human family; and forbid that, from pride of race or hardness of heart, we should despise any for whom He died, or injure any in whom He lives; for His own name's sake. AMEN.

*For Peace*

**A**LMIGHTY God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace do proceed; kindle, we pray Thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who (at this time) take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity Thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**E**TERNAL God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love: so guide and inspire, we pray Thee, the work of all who seek Thy kingdom at home and abroad, that all peoples may seek and find their security, not in force of arms, but in the perfect love that casteth out fear, and in the fellowship revealed to us by Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O**CHRIST, Eternal Word of the Father, King of kings and Lord of lords; pour out upon all nations the gift of peace; claim them for Thine own, and make us bold to uphold Thy claim, till all acknowledge that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men and that in Thy service only is wisdom or joy to be found; for Thou only art worthy to receive the power and riches and wisdom and might, who art one with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God blessed for ever. AMEN.

**O**GOD, who hast made of one blood all the nations of the earth; mercifully hear our supplications, and remove from the world for ever the dreadful menace of war. Guide the rulers with Thy

counsel and restrain the passions of the people, so that bloodshed may be averted and peace be preserved. By the pouring out of Thy Spirit upon all flesh, quicken the sense of our common brotherhood, bring the nations into a new bond of fellowship, and hasten the time when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*For the Servants of the Queen*

**O** LORD God, high and mighty, who doest Thy will in the army of heaven and amongst the inhabitants of the earth; stretch forth the shield of Thy protection over those who serve the Queen in defending our shores and guarding our homes. Lead and guide them by Thy counsel; strengthen and defend them with Thy might; that they may steadfastly continue an honour and protection to the people; and that under Thy governance they may be called to no service but the just and peaceable maintenance of order; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For the Navy*

**O** ETERNAL Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea, and hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; be pleased to receive into Thy almighty and gracious protection the persons of those who serve in the Navy. Preserve them from the dangers of the deep and from the violence of enemies; and grant that finally, having passed the sea of this troublous life, they may enter the haven of eternal rest; through Him who is our only refuge and Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For the Army*

**O** LORD God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray Thee, Thine almighty arm, to strengthen and protect the soldiers of our Queen in every peril; shelter them in the day of battle, and in time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them ever with loyalty and courage, and grant that in all things they may serve as seeing Thee who art invisible; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For the Air Force*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who makest the clouds Thy chariot and walkest upon the wings of the wind; have mercy, we beseech Thee, on our airmen, and when they are amidst the clouds and wonders of the sky, give unto them the assurance of Thy protection, that they may do their duty with prudence and with fearlessness, confident that in life or in death the eternal God is their refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*In Time of an Election*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Fountain of all wisdom, direct, we beseech Thee, the minds of those now called to elect fit persons to serve in the High Court of Parliament (*or the Council of this County, or Town, or City*), that they may have regard to Thy glory and the welfare of Thy people; and on those whom they shall choose, bestow, of Thy goodness, the spirit of wisdom and true godliness; for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*For our Countrymen abroad*

**K**EEP, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our brethren who are dwelling in foreign lands; protect them from the dangers which surround them, and supply them with the means of grace. Make them steadfast in Thy ways, pure and holy in their lives. Preserve them from the sin of offending Thy little ones who believe in Thee, and from causing Thy name to be blasphemed. Grant that they may shine as lights in the world, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O**UR heavenly Father, who hast bestowed on us the dear comfort of earthly friends; look in Thy mercy on those we love who are far away. Protect and keep them in all danger of body and of soul; prosper and bless them in all things good; suffer them never to be lonely, desolate, or afraid; let no shadow come between them and us, to divide our hearts; and, in Thine own good time, grant that we may renew our fellowship on earth, and at last be united in the felicity of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Social Workers*

**O**GOD, who hast given unto Thy servants diversities of gifts by the same Spirit, and hast taught us by Thy holy apostle that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; be pleased to bless and prosper all who love and serve their fellow men with a pure heart fervently, remembering the poor, healing the sick, comforting the sorrowful, teaching the ignorant, and lifting up the afflicted; let their prayers and alms come up for

a memorial before Thee; and reward them plentifully with peace; through the merits of Jesus Christ our only Saviour. AMEN.

**O** GOD, our Father, increase in every nation the sense of human brotherhood, true respect for man and for woman, loyalty in service and charity, happiness in work, and justice in reward; that our homes may be kept safe and pure, our cities renewed in beauty and order, and all the world may reflect the radiance of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Civic Righteousness*

**O** GOD, grant us a vision of our city, fair as it might be: a city of righteousness, where none shall wrong his neighbour; a city of plenty, where evil and poverty shall be done away; a city of brotherhood, where all success shall be founded on service, and honour shall be given to nobleness alone; a city of peace, where order shall not rest on force, but on the love of all for the common life and weal. Bless the efforts of the Church to make the vision a living reality through the teaching of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Inspire and strengthen each one of us, that we may give time, thought, and sacrifice, to speed the day of its coming beauty and righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Industry*

**P**ROSPER our industries, we pray Thee, God Most High, that our land may be full with all manner of store, and there be no complaining in our streets: and, as Thy glorious Son our Lord plied tool and trade on earth, so give to all that labour,



pride in their work, a just reward, and joy both in supplying need and in serving Thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Labour*

**O** GOD, the King of Righteousness; lead us, we pray Thee, in the ways of justice and of peace; inspire us to break down all oppression and wrong, to gain for every man his due reward, and from every man his due service; that each may live for all, and all may care for each; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Builders of the Sanctuary*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of old didst fill with Thy Spirit in wisdom and understanding the builders of Thy Tabernacle; vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, Thy grace and blessing to Thy servants who design and build Thy sanctuaries now; enlighten, purify, direct, and sanctify them; and prosper all endeavours to do greater honour to Thy holy House, and to render the offering of our prayers and praises more worthy of Thy divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Seafarers*

**O** ETERNAL Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea; be pleased to receive into Thy protection those who go down to the sea in ships and do business in great waters. Make Thou their voyages safe to their persons and their goods (especially in this present storm); and be Thyself their way and light till journeyings shall end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast made the sea and all that moveth therein; bestow Thy blessing on the harvest of the waters, that it may be abundant in its season, and on our fishermen and mariners, that they may be safe in every peril of the deep; so that we all with thankful hearts may acknowledge Thee who art the Lord of the sea and of the dry land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Agriculture*

**A** LMIGHTY God, who hast blessed the earth that it should be fruitful and bring forth abundantly whatsoever is needful for the life of man; prosper, we beseech Thee, the labours of the husbandman, and grant such seasonable weather that we may gather in the fruits of the earth, and proclaim Thy great goodness with thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For the Unemployed*

**A** LMIGHTY Father, who in Thy Word hast taught us that no man liveth or dieth unto himself; show Thy mercy to those who would work but who can find no work to do; give unto them fortitude and new hope; and grant us so to fulfil the law of Christ, that in bearing one another's burdens we may share in the work of Thy redemption; through Him who hath borne our infirmities, and now liveth and reigneth, world without end. AMEN.

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father; we commend to Thy protecting care and compassion the men and women of our land now suffering distress and anxiety through lack of work. Support and

strengthen them, we beseech Thee; and so prosper the counsels of those engaged in the ordering of our industrial affairs, that Thy people may be set free from want and fear, and be enabled to work in security and peace, for the relief of their necessities, and for the well-being of the realm; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**Lmighty God, our heavenly Father, who wouldst not that men should stand idle in the market place; hear us as we pray for all who are suffering from unemployment or lack of assurance of livelihood. Put away from them all bitterness and misunderstanding; and give them quietness of mind through confidence and assured trust in Thee. Restore prosperity to the world, if it be Thy will, that all may rejoice in the work given them to do, and in the fruits of their toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For the Advancement of Learning*

**D**IRECT, O God, with Thine own loving wisdom our schools of thought and science; that they may more and more unveil the wondrous things of Thy law, and draw all to adore Thee with mind and heart and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Universities and Schools*

**O** THOU only wise God, our Saviour, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; we beseech Thee to illuminate all universities, colleges, and schools with the light that cometh from above; that those who teach may be taught of Thee, and those who learn may be led by Thy

Spirit; and grant that by the increase of knowledge Thy truth may be confirmed, and Thy glory manifested; through Jesus Christ the living Word. AMEN.

**O** FATHER of lights and Fountain of all knowledge; bless, we beseech Thee, all teachers and institutions of learning; and grant that from them the light of truth may shine with growing brightness on all men, so that wisdom and knowledge may be the stability of our times, in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Arts and Letters*

**O** GOD, who by Thy Spirit in our hearts dost lead men to desire Thy perfection, to seek for truth, and to rejoice in beauty; illumine, we pray Thee, and inspire all thinkers, writers, artists, and craftsmen; that in whatsoever is true and pure and lovely, Thy name may be hallowed and Thy kingdom come on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**D**IRECT and bless, we beseech Thee, Lord, those who in this our generation speak where many listen, and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of the people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honour of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Physicians, Nurses, and Hospitals*

**A**LMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about continually doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people; continue, we beseech

Thee, that His gracious work among us, especially in the hospitals and infirmaries of our land; cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick; grant to the physicians, surgeons, and nurses wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down Thy blessing on all who labour to prevent suffering and to forward Thy purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For the Blind, the Deaf, and the Dumb*

**A**LMIGHTY Father, whose blessed Son, Jesus Christ, went about doing good, opening the eyes of the blind, loosing the tongue of the dumb, and unstopping the ears of the deaf; we bring to Thee all those who are likewise afflicted. Let Thy voice be heard in the hearts of those who cannot hear: let the beauty of Thy presence be visible to the souls of those who cannot see: let Thy word be spoken through the lives of those who cannot speak; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Home and Kindred*

**O** GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast set the solitary in families: look in favour, we beseech Thee, upon the homes of Thy people. Defend them against all evil, and supply all their needs according to the riches of Thy grace. Make them sanctuaries of purity and peace, love and joy. Bless those dear to us wheresoever they are, and grant that they and we may so follow Thee, that, though our paths may lead us far from one another, we may yet abide within the safe shelter of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For Children*

**O** HEAVENLY Father, who long ago didst watch Thy Son on earth grow as in stature so in wisdom and in perfect love of Thee; teach by the wondrous tale of Jesus and His Church the children whom Thou watchest now; that they may grow into His likeness, loving Thee, obedient to Thy will, and happy in Thy House; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For the Right Use of the Lord's Day*

**L** ORD, who dost ask of Thy people love for love, and worship in return for life; assist us to keep holy, week by week, the day of Thy Son's mighty rising from the dead, and bless us in our fellowship and prayers; that Thy other children who behold our joy may seek Thy lovingkindness in the midst of Thy temple; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For the Right Reading of Scripture*

**B** LESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**A** LMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hast given the Bible to be the revelation of Thy great love to man, and of Thy power and will to save him; grant that our study of it may not be made in vain by the callousness or carelessness of

our hearts, but that by it we may be confirmed in penitence, lifted to hope, made strong for service, and above all filled with the true knowledge of Thee and of Thy Son Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*For Travellers*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who art the sure Guide and strong Refuge of all who put their trust in Thee; we beseech Thee to watch over all travellers by land or sea or air, and to vouchsafe to them Thy favour and protection; preserve them from all evils and dangers on their way; and of Thy mercy bring them again to their homes and friends in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*For the Blessing of a New Home*

**O** LORD our God, Giver of life and love; we beseech Thee, who settest the solitary in families, to bestow thy blessing upon Thy servants whom Thou hast set to dwell together under the shelter of this roof. Give them grace to ask Thee to hallow their home with Thy presence, that it may ever be an abode of holy love and blessed peace. Bless their going out and their coming in, from this time forth; graciously shield and protect them from all evil; prosper them in all rightful undertakings; and whether in prosperity or in adversity, in health or in sickness, let them know that Thy fatherly hand is upon them for good. Knit them closely together in worship of Thee and love for Thy House; and grant that, united by the loyalties of this earthly home, and by fidelity to Thee, they may still be one in that heavenly home which Thou preparest for them that love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## IN TIMES OF CRISIS

*After a Disaster*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who art a very present Help in time of trouble; let not the heart of Thy people fail when fear cometh; but sustain and comfort them until these calamities be overpast; and since this grievous disaster (of fire, flood, earthquake, shipwreck, *or other trouble*) hath fallen upon men, so do Thou heal the hurt and wounded, console the bereaved and afflicted, protect the innocent and helpless, and deliver any who are still in peril, for Thy great mercy's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*In Time of Pestilence*

**H**OLY and mighty Lord, who didst turn back the angel of the plague from the dwellings of Thy people; we beseech Thee to hear our cry for those who are suffering and dying under the visitation of disease. Mercifully bless the means which are used to stay the spread of sickness; strengthen those who labour to heal and comfort the afflicted; support those who are in pain or distress; speedily restore those who have been brought low; and unto all who are beyond healing, grant Thy heavenly consolation and Thy saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*In Time of Dearth*

**O** GOD, heavenly Father, whose gift it is that the rain doth fall, and the earth bring forth her increase; behold, we beseech Thee, the afflictions of Thy people; increase the fruits of the earth by Thy heavenly benediction; and grant that the scarcity



and dearth which we now suffer may through Thy goodness be mercifully turned into plenty; that we, receiving of Thy bounty, may use the same to Thy glory, for the relief of those that are needy, and to our own comfort; for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*In Times of Industrial Unrest*

**O** GOD, who hast ordained that men should live and work together as brethren; remove, we humbly beseech Thee, from those who are now at variance, all spirit of strife and all occasion of bitterness; that, seeking only what is just and equal, they may ever continue in brotherly union and concord, to their own well-being, and the prosperity of the realm; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD of our fathers, who from generation to generation hast watched over us in love; hear us now in hours of perplexity and need; save us from the dangers of disunion and strife; remove all hindrances to brotherly concord; and grant that we may serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*In Time of War*

**O** LORD God, of infinite mercy, we beseech Thee to look in compassion upon our country now involved in war. Pardon our offences, our pride and arrogance, our self-sufficiency and forgetfulness of Thee. Give wisdom to our counsellors, skill to our officers, courage and endurance to our sailors, soldiers, and airmen, and all who guard our shores. Look in mercy on those immediately

exposed to peril, to conflict, sickness, and death. Be with the dying; give to them true repentance and unfeigned trust in Thee; and in the day of judgement, good Lord, deliver them. Finally, we beseech Thee to remove in Thy good providence all causes and occasions of war; to dispose our hearts and the hearts of our enemies to moderation; and of Thy great goodness, to restore peace among the nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**B**EFORE Thee, O Lord, we pray for those against whom our country is at war. To Thee we submit the cause between us, praying that Thy will may be revealed in the darker as in the brighter hours. Remove all bitterness from their hearts and ours; and grant that we may come to a true understanding of each other; and be found at last, standing together in the light of a new day, purified by sorrow and bound together by lasting ties of fellowship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*In Time of Persecution*

**O** RIGHTEOUS Father, we beseech Thee to look in mercy on Thy believing people who are persecuted by the enemies of the Gospel. Defend them, we entreat Thee, from the rage of their enemies; succour and help them as they have need; and ever increase within them the virtue and power of the Holy Spirit, that they may, without fear of men, bear their witness to Christ and Thee, and, whether in life or death, glorify Thy name. AMEN.

*Thanksgiving for Deliverance in a Storm at Sea*

**B**LESS the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us, bless His holy name. We render thanks and praise unto Thee, O God, who makest the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still; because Thou hast heard our voice and our supplications: because Thou hast inclined Thine ear unto us, therefore will we call upon Thee as long as we live. Thou hast delivered us from death; help us therefore to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Thee, which is our reasonable service. Guide us with Thy counsel while we live, and afterward receive us to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*See also the volume 'Forms of Prayer for Use at Sea'.*

*Thanksgiving for Peace and Deliverance in  
any Danger*

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who art a strong Tower of defence unto Thy servants in times of trouble; we yield Thee praise and thanksgiving for our deliverance from those great and apparent dangers wherewith we were threatened (or compassed), (and for Thy gracious gift of peace). We confess that it is Thy goodness alone that hath kept and preserved us; and beseech Thee still to continue Thy mercies towards us, that we may always acknowledge Thee as our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## VIII. DEDICATION OF THE OFFERINGS

**B**LESSED be Thou, O Lord God, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of Thee, and of Thine own do we now give Thee, for the good of Thy Church and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, the Fountain of all good; we bring to Thee our gifts, according as Thou hast prospered us. Enable us, with our earthly things, to give Thee ~the love of our hearts and the service of our lives. Let Thy favour, which is life, and Thy lovingkindness, which is better than life, be upon us now and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**Lmighty and ever blessed God, who in the abundance of Thy goodness dost ever give us more than we desire or dare to ask; pour forth upon us, we beseech Thee, a spirit of thankfulness, and increase in us that most blessed grace of charity, that we may ever be more willing to give than to receive; and so rule our hearts that all we have may be used for Thy service, and we ourselves be consecrate to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**Lmighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast not spared Thine own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, and who, with Him, hast freely

given us all things; receive these offerings which we bring and dedicate to Thee; and enable us, with all our gifts, so to yield ourselves to Thee, that with body, soul, and spirit we may truly and freely serve Thee, and in Thy service find our deepest joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** LORD our God, Thou King of all the earth; accept, of Thine infinite goodness, the offerings of Thy people, which, in obedience to Thy commandment and in honour of Thy name, we yield and dedicate to Thee; and grant unto us that the same, being devoted to Thy service, may be used for Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, who needest not to be enriched with any gifts that we may bring, yet who lovest the cheerful giver; receive these our offerings which we present before Thee, and with them ourselves, our souls and our bodies, a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** LORD our God, who givest liberally and upbraidest not; teach us to give cheerfully of our substance for Thy cause and kingdom. Let Thy blessing be upon our offerings, and grant us to know the joy of those who give with their whole heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** LORD our God, the Giver of all good; we beseech Thee to behold in these our gifts the earnest of our consecration to Thy service; and grant that now and at all times our gratitude to Thee may be as great as our need of Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## IX. ASCRIPTIONS OF GLORY

**N**OW unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. AMEN.

**N**OW unto the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, be glory and dominion for ever and ever. AMEN.

**N**OW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

**U**NTO Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. AMEN.

**N**OW unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy: to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. AMEN.

**B**LESSING and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. AMEN.

**A**ND now to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three Persons and one God, be ascribed by us, and by the whole Church, as is most due, the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

**U** NTO the Father, and unto the Son, and unto the Holy Spirit, be ascribed in the Church all honour and glory, might, majesty, dominion, and blessing, now, henceforth, and for ever. AMEN.

**B** LESSING, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. AMEN.

**N** OW unto the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen nor can see; to Him be honour and power everlasting. AMEN.

## X. BENEDICTIONS

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all AMEN.

**T**HE very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and preserve you blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**T**HE Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. AMEN.

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

**N**OW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

**U**NTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. AMEN.



**G**RACE, mercy, and peace from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you henceforth and for ever. AMEN.

**G**O in peace; God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you this day (*night*) and for evermore. AMEN.

# APPENDIX

## ADDITIONAL SENTENCES SUITABLE FOR SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

ADVENT. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth.

CHRISTMAS. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

The bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

EPIPHANY. From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same My name shall be great among the Gentiles.

The dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Jesus said: I am the light of the world.

LENT. Jesus said: If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

PALM SUNDAY. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee.

PASSIONTIDE. Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto My sorrow.

God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

EASTER. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and is become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

ASCENSIONTIDE. Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

WHITSUNDAY. Jesus said: I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us.

TRINITY. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Through Christ we have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

ALL SAINTS. Seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION OF A CHURCH. Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth and for evermore.

The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

## PROPER PREFACES FOR THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

ADVENT. We praise Thee for Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour, by whom Thou hast sent a new light to shine upon the world, that we who rejoice in that light may be found cleansed from our sins and without fear when He shall come again to judge the world in righteousness. Thee, mighty God, . . .

CHRISTMAS. Especially at this time, we praise Thee, because Thou didst give Jesus Christ Thine only Son to be born for us of Mary, that through Him we might have power to become the sons of God. Thee, mighty God, . . .

EPIPHANY. We praise Thee for Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the likeness of men manifested forth Thy glory, that He might bring all men out of darkness into His marvellous light. Thee, mighty God, . . .

LENT. We praise Thee for Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin; by whose grace we are enabled to subdue the sinful desires of the flesh, and live no longer unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again. Thee, mighty God, . . .

PASSIONTIDE. We praise Thee for Jesus Christ our Lord, who the night before He suffered did institute this holy Sacrament, to be a pledge of His love and a memorial of His passion, that we being partakers of these holy mysteries, might receive the benefits of His redemption. Thee, mighty God, . . .

EASTER. But chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin

of the world; who by His death hath destroyed death, and by His rising to life again hath brought to us everlasting life. Thee, mighty God, . . .

ASCENSION. We praise Thee for Jesus Christ our Lord, who ascended up on high, the one Mediator between God and man; who abideth for ever in that glory which He had with Thee, and in that nature which He took of us, that He might bring us to the fellowship of His Godhead. Thee, mighty God, . . .

WHITSUNDAY. We praise Thee for Jesus Christ our Lord, who having ascended up on high, and sitting at Thy right hand, sent forth the promise of the Holy Spirit upon the whole Church, that the everlasting Gospel should be preached among all men to bring them out of darkness into the clear light of Thy truth. Thee, mighty God, . . .

TRINITY. Who, with Thine only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit, art one God in Trinity of Persons, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. Thee, mighty God, . . .

ALL SAINTS. We praise Thee for Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the blessedness of Thy saints hath given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that, following their example and being strengthened by their fellowship, we may exult in Thee for Thy mercy, even as they rejoice with Thee in glory. Thee, mighty God, . . .

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH. We praise Thee, O God, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less this House that our hands have builded; but who hast promised that in all places where Thou dost record Thy name, there wilt Thou meet with Thy people to bless them. Thee, mighty God, . . .

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I** BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born  
of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He  
descended into hell; The third day He rose  
again from the dead, He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy  
Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of  
the body; And the Life everlasting. AMEN.

## THE NICENE CREED

**I** BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things  
visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets. And I believe one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. AMEN.